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'Illegal immigrants risk crippling NMI'

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The CNMI faces serious risks if nothing is done to prevent illegal immigration from occurring. That's according to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres in a letter to the Commonwealth Ports Authority board dated March 12, 2017.

Torres recommended for CPA to review which airline hosts the most number of passengers that attempt to enter the CNMI as tourists with hidden agenda and hold these airlines accountable.

"I recommend that the board undertake a review of all airlines to account for

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Why is the Japan market important?

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The dwindling Japanese tourism market has had its day in Commonwealth tourism and industry partners should just accept that and move on to pursue other, more promising markets. At least that's the prevailing opinion of people who do not understand how important the Japanese market is to the CNMI's tourism industry.

The thing is, the CNMI, like Guam, is an American territory that abides by and implements American immigration laws. Of all the poten-

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Esther Kia'aina resigns from OIA

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Esther Kia'aina had formally resigned as Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas to give the Trump administration a free hand in appointing the new person to head one of the divisions under the U.S. Department of the Interior.

OIA director Nikolao Pula of American Samoa, according to the DOI website, is the acting assistant secretary, pending the official nomination for the post by Trump and the confirmation by the U.S. Senate.

Kia'aina

Pula is expected to be on Saipan to attend Friday's ribbon cutting and unveiling of the $23.6-million Puerto Rico Park, whose conver-

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Marianas High Schools' Dolphinatic Architects won first place in the Green Dream Home Design Contest. The team consists of, front row from left, Hajin Oh, Melissa Santos, Marie Manebo, Michaela Gatdula, Ian Cataluna, and Jewel Cubangbang. The people at the back are Public School System officials and some parents.

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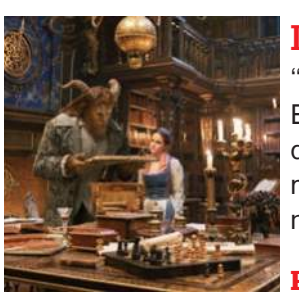

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MCDONALD'S DONATION
McDonald's Saipan owner/operator Marcia Ayuyu, second from left, presents a check of $3,000 to the Saipan Rotary Club at Tuesday's meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.
KIMBERLY BAUTISTA

House bill proposes to create a development planning office

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Senate President Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan) has introduced a Senate bill to create an Office of Planning Development that would help manage the rapid economic growth the CNMI is currently experiencing.

Palacios said that proper planning is needed in the CNMI as it is currently going through a lot of changes when it comes to economic growth and development.

"However, the CNMI does not have a master plan outlining comprehensive land use, the establishment of communities, schools, roads, and infrastructure, and the development of economic districts and businesses," Palacios said.

"Currently, individuals, developers, and investors are constructing homes, buildings, hotels, apartments, and other major developments without the benefit of a CNMI comprehensive sustainable plan."

He said the plan would ensure the current infrastructure of the islands could accommodate new developments, aside from having a comprehensive sustainable development plan, which would guarantee the protection of the CNMI's limited resources—land, natural, and human.

Palacios said there's a need to improve the CNMI's planning process so the government and the private sector would be effective in working with different agencies, be able to provide a plan on how to wisely use its limited resources, and guidance when it comes to future developments.

"Improving the planning process in the CNMI means utilizing the existing expertise within the various CNMI planning agencies as well as obtaining and incorporating information from the public and business communities regarding the nature, extent, and areas of most desirable growth and conservation," Palacios said.

The proposed Office of Planning and Development would serve as the main agency that would provide all information when it comes to development, planning, and resource use in the CNMI.

"The purpose is to establish a CSDP that shall serve as a guide for the future long-range development of the CNMI, using and improving existing plans, maps, and other resources. [To also] identify the goals, objectives, policies, and priorities," said Palacios.

"Provide a basis for determining priorities and allocating limited resources such as public funds, services, human resources, land, energy, water, and other resources; improve coordination of federal and CNMI plans, policies, programs, projects, and regulatory activities; and to establish a system for plan formulation and program coordination to provide for an integration of all major CNMI and individual island activities."

A director would head the CNMI OPD that would be appointed by the governor. He or she would analyze and interpret development trends in coordinating and supervising the execution of plans.

The appointee or candidate must have a bachelor's degree either in planning, architecture, engineering, business administration, public administration, or a related field from a U.S.-accredited university, and must have seven years of administrative management experience.

A person that holds a master's or doctorate degree in any of these fields of learning is also qualified as long as the candidate had at least four years of administrative management experience.

The rapid development happening on Saipan is expected to cause some problems like traffic, power generation, and public transportation.

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Representatives of the NMI Humanities Council pose for a picture with Hyatt Regency Saipan officials and staff yesterday at the Giovanni's restaurant.

Hyatt golf fundraiser to benefit six foundations

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The Hyatt Regency Saipan announced yesterday the beneficiaries of its 21st Annual Charity Golf Classic.

Aside from its main beneficiary, which is the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the hotel will also be allotting the funds it will raise from its golf fundraiser to the NMI Humanities Council, the Marianas Behavioral Health International, Kagman High School's Million Dollar Scholar, Karidat Social Services, and the Empty Vessel Ministry.

Hyatt Regency has been hosting the annual sporting event to raise funds that they donate to the charities of their choice.

The fundraiser's main beneficiary, Make-A-Wish Foundation, grants wishes to children in Guam and CNMI who face life-threatening illnesses.

The NMI Humanities Council supports indigenous cultures in the CNMI; Marianas Behavioral Health International is a support system for those battling mental health issues; the Million Dollar Scholar helps high school students go to college; Karidat Social Services supports the community and its needs; and Empty Vessel Ministry assists impoverished women and children in the CNMI.

In all, a total of 20 foundations applied to benefit from the Hyatt golf charity.

In past years, Hyatt Regency chose only two beneficiaries of the funds raised from the golf charity. This year, the hotel's employees picked six.

Last year, Hyatt Regency raised $52,000 in donations and it was split between two charity groups. It hopes to raise the same amount or more this year to split amongst the six foundations.

Hyatt Regency marketing communications manager Maria Valentina Haberman wants the hotel to reach out more since their lease is approaching its end.

"For the next four years, we will work with the community as much as we can. We hope to have more beneficiaries in the next four years as well as programs for the community," Haberman said.

Rose Smith of Empty Vessel Ministry said, "We appreciate the donation from Hyatt. Without this big help, as well as help from other organizations, we would not be able to do the work that we do." Empty Vessel Ministry plans to use the funds for their upcoming summer program.

NMI Humanities Council board chair Frankie Eliptico said, "We are extremely thankful for the Hyatt Regency's selection of the Northern Marianas Humanities Council to receive proceeds and funds received from their golf tournament. …Hyatt does a lot for the community and we are glad that we are one of their partners as we help all the different causes that are important here in the CNMI. They are truly angels."

Eleanor Cabrera, board member of the Make-A-Wish Foundation, also thanked Hyatt Regency for its help throughout the years.

"We are happy that the partnership exists for as long as it has here on Saipan because all our wishes are funded by companies such as Hyatt," she said.

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MHS, KHS represent Saipan in clash with Guam

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Marianas High School and Kagman High School would be representing Saipan in a competition hosted by the University of Guam to showcase the meeting of creativity, energy efficiency, and architecture in the 2017 Green Dream Home competition.

The competition enables students in Guam and the CNMI to come up with an energy-efficient home design that would thrive in the region's island setting.

The first place winners for the 2017 islandwide Green Dream Home competition is MHS' Dolphinatic Architects, which consists of Ian Cataluna, Michaela Gatdula, Jewel Cubangbang, Marie Manebo, Hajin Oh, and Melissa Santos.

Kagman High School came in second and consists of Rhea Adolfo, Catalina Cabrera, Maureen Mendiola, and Aira Ngalongalo.

Coached by Public School Systems' STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Fair director Jeaniffer Cubangbang, the Dolphinatic Architects' Michaela Gatdula told *Saipan Tribune* that the experience has brought them together.

"Being able to win first place with my team was such an honor, knowing that all the hard work did not go to waste," said Gatdula.

"Going through the process really made us all close, which was also a blessing, knowing that it also made us a family."

The theme for the competition this year is the school setting. Participants would design a school campus that is able to "encompass environmental sustainability."

The regional competition would be held at the Hyatt Regency Saipan on April 17, 2017, with winners presenting at the 8th Island Sustainability Conference on April 20, 2017, at the Hyatt Regency Guam.

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tial markets in the region that could be attracted to come to the CNMI, only Japanese and Korean citizens can enter the CNMI on the strength of only their passports.

A Japanese or Korean citizen can enter the CNMI carrying only their passports. That's because these countries are under the Visa Waiver Program of the United States. All other countries in the region need to secure tourist visas at a U.S. Embassy in their home countries to be able to visit the U.S. or its territories. That applies to Filipinos. The same rule applies to Chinese and Russian nationals who visit the U.S. mainland.

In the CNMI, however, Chinese and Russian tourists can enter by the planeload under what is called a parole program. A parole program is actually intended to evaluate each and every visitor before granting one; it is supposed to be implemented on a case-by-case basis and only to be granted in specific situations that warrant it. But that is not happening here. In the CNMI, planeloads and planeloads of Chinese nationals are being granted parole authority to be able to enter the CNMI. So much so that Chinese visitors totaled 73,426 to date. South Koreans number 107,051 during the same period. Japanese visitors? Only a little over 18,000.

The same situation is faced by Russian tourists, who also enter the CNMI under the parole authority or they have to secure tourist visas, called B1-B2, from a U.S. Embassy in their own country.

The problem with parole authority is that it relies on the discretion of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. That means power that could be taken away, anytime. And in the current anti-immigrant climate in Washington, D.C. and the stance of the Trump administration, this parole authority can be revoked. That means someone in Washington, D.C. can decide to stop this anytime. There go the Chinese tourists.

The Commonwealth tourism industry, the only industry propelling its economy, is a tripod. It stands on three legs: the Japanese market, the Korean market, and the Chinese market. Take away one leg and the entire structure falls. So holding on to the Japanese market is not merely about keeping the CNMI's tourism basket diverse. It is ensuring that the CNMI will survive even if it were to lose the China market for whatever reason.

The Marianas Visitors Authority recognizes the importance of the Japanese market to the CNMI. According to MVA, Japan is considered one of the pillars of tourism in the CNMI. Japan first invested on Saipan over 40 years ago. It was the Japanese who introduced the beach resort tourism concept as well as "planeloads of tourists" to enjoy the various sights of the island.

Today, Japan remains the third largest economy in the world. It is only three hours away by plane from the CNMI. Despite being so close to Saipan and the fact that Japanese tourists could enter the CNMI visa-free, the Japanese tourist market has not been doing well lately.

The Japanese arrivals for 2016 come in at 62,120. The peak of Japanese tourism was back in 1997, with 450,190 Japanese tourists out of the 726,690 visitors arriving for the year. In a span of 19 years, the Japanese market has plunged by massive 625 percent.

"As you can see from those numbers the Japan market is not what it used to be," said MVA managing director Chris Concepcion. "To be fair, the stagnant Japanese economy and fluctuating yen rate has been a major factor in limiting outbound travel from Japan."

According to Concepcion, there are 16 million Japanese who travel overseas annually. The top tourist markets for the CNMI—China and Korea—had a total of 115 million and 22 million travelers in 2016 and only a small slice of them found their way to the Marianas.

MVA pushes for Japanese tourist market resurgence

Japan is considered by the MVA as its third largest market. Compared to Chinese and Korean arrivals, coming in for 2016 at 206,538 and 200,875 arrivals respectively, Japanese arrivals seem tiny to be even considered a third target market.

"The MVA will be spending most of our offshore budget this fiscal year in Japan because we know how important this market is for the future of the CNMI," said Concepcion.

MVA's goal is to have 30 percent Chinese visitors, 30 percent Korean visitors, 30 percent Japanese visitors, and 10 percent from other countries.

"There is room for improvement and we are confident our new representative office in Japan will do great work to stem the drop in arrivals," said Concepcion. "We are working closely with all airlines to launch additional flights to the Marianas, with a focus on unserved cities for now since we have daily service from Tokyo and Narita already. We're confident we'll have additional service from Japan in the coming months."

In 2016, Japanese arrivals comprised only 12.39 percent of total arrivals for the year, while China was at 41.18 percent and Korea was at 40.06 percent.

Though respectable, MVA still prefers a larger presence of the Japanese market. MVA shared with *Saipan Tribune* that although the Chinese market is an emerging, extremely massive market, Chinese tourists solely rely on the visa waiver program to enter the country without securing a type of visa.

"This is an extremely valuable asset that we must protect for our economic stability. But at the end of the day we must prevent ourselves from being reliant on any single source market," said Concepcion.

If for some reason the U.S. government decides to put a stop to the visa waiver program, that ultimately prevents the Chinese tourists from entering the CNMI and, considering that China comprises more than 40 percent of total tourist arrivals, the CNMI would be left to rely mainly on the Korean and Japanese market, which would certainly spell disaster for the islands' economy.

MVA is well aware of that fact and has since beefed up efforts to promote the CNMI in Japan, focusing mainly on cities that do not have direct access to flights to the Marianas.

"For better or for worse Japan shall always remain a key market for the CNMI because of its close proximity and because of [Japan and the CNMI's] close relations and shared history," said Concepcion.

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sion from a World War II-era dump into a park was funded by OIA. The park would officially open to the public on April 1.

Kia'aina was at the helm of the Office of the Insular Affairs for more than three years after being appointed by former President Barack Obama on Sept. 11, 2013. She was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on June 26, 2014.

She was also chosen by Obama to lead the U.S. federal government's panel in the series of 902 talks with their counterparts from the CNMI, headed by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres last year.

The talks were based on Section 902 of the Covenant. The final report was submitted to President Obama before his term ended and is now awaiting further action by U.S. congressional leaders.

Recommendations made by both panels concern labor and immigration issues, and planned military activities on the islands of Tinian and Pagan by the U.S. Department of Defense.

Visiting Pagan was one of the highlights of the 902 talks. Kia'aina and U.S. military officials saw first-hand the volcanic island's natural resources. CNMI officials oppose planned live training and bombing activities on Pagan, which is under the Municipality of the Northern Islands.

Kia'aina was born in Guam to Hawaiian native parents, Leialoha and Lorelei Haunani Kia'aina. She obtained her bachelor's degree in international relations and political science from the University of Southern California, earned her masters at Johns Hopkins and received her juris doctor degree from the George Washington University.

She is the third person from Guam to become OIA assistant secretary after Tony Babauta, another Obama appointee, and Ferdinand Aranza during the presidency of Bill Clinton in the 1990s.

CNMI officials are hoping someone from the Commonwealth would finally be appointed to the post, which oversees the administration of the U.S. Commonwealths, island possessions and territories, and Freely Associated States.

Someone from the U.S. territories of American Samoa and the U.S. Virgin Islands had already been appointed as assistant secretary for Insular Areas, aside from Guam.

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the frequency each airline transports a passenger who attempts to circumvent our laws and develop a policy to terminate flights that continue to transport individuals who attempt to enter the CNMI under the guise of a tourist," Torres stated in his letter.

According to CPA board member and airport committee chair Barrie Toves, the CNMI exceeds the Los Angeles International Airport when it comes to the number of foreign passengers processed.

In Torres' letter, he stressed that more must be done on the local front to combat tourists whose intent is to "enter the CNMI to work."

"I have spoken to members of our private sector and airline operators of this concern to stress the need for them to understand the long-term repercussions if no action is taken, and I would recommend that the [CPA] board similarly review the authority you have to assist in the elimination of this practice at our borders," wrote Torres.

Toves told *Saipan Tribune* that there is a risk that the CNMI could lose its parole authority over Chinese nationals, which is a major factor for the economic boom the islands are experiencing.

"There are two reasons Washington, D.C. is concerned about that might be a [factor] in the CNMI losing its parole authority: numerous passengers coming in that are denied entry by [Customs and Border Protection], and passengers coming in for the purpose of giving birth [on U.S. soil]," said Toves.

According to Toves, illegal Chinese workers coming in are denied entry by the CBP.

CBP reports directly to Washington, D.C., which in turn alarms the federal agency about the large number of persons attempting illegal entry here.

The Chinese market comprises about 40 percent of all visitors coming to the CNMI. If the market disappears, the islands will be left relying on only Korean and Japanese visitors.

According to data provided by Torres' letter, since the CNMI was able to grant parole authority to Chinese visitors, the economy has grown by 16 percent, business revenue has increased by 41 percent, and employment of U.S. citizens has increased by 9 percent.

"If the practice of individuals attempting to enter the CNMI to work illegally continues, we are at risk of crippling the entire economy and reverting to severe economic depression we have experienced only a few short years ago," wrote Torres.

Next step

According to Toves, the next step for CPA is to revisit their airline-user agreement to see if "there is any [provision] that gives CPA leverage to impose upon the airlines to strictly follow the administration's directive."

Since CBP and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security took over the CNMI's immigration, the CNMI lost the power to impose immigration policies on airlines. Toves said that used to include authorizing airlines to screen tourists in their home country before boarding.

Toves wishes to return such policies.

"We need to understand first that if we have the authority to demand the airlines to properly screen their passengers," he said.

Toves said that, according to initial meetings between CPA, Torres, and airline representatives, the airlines informed them that they cannot deny passengers from boarding if passengers provide the proper documents for travel.

"We are having an impromptu discussion with our legal counsel to look into the concept that we applied prior to the U.S. government taking over immigration, which has worked very well [in the past]."

"We are going to try and find ways that the CPA and the airlines can work together and establish an action plan for us to impose upon the airlines to make sure that these kind of passengers do not try to enter the CNMI," said Toves.

Lawmaker pushes gaming revenue tax for IPI

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Rep. Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan) questions why no gaming revenue tax is being collected from the operations of casino operator Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC on Saipan.

Propst said there's no section in Public Law 18-38, which allowed a casino to operate in the CNMI, that prohibits the CNMI from imposing a gaming revenue tax on the casino operator.

The same holds true for PL 18-43 and 18-56 that amended some provisions in the original act, he added.

House vice speaker Janet U. Maratita (R-Saipan) has already introduced House Bill 20-31 that would impose a 5 percent tax on all gaming revenues in the CNMI. HB 20-31 is now with the House Ways and Means Committee headed by Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan).

Propst said IPI only pays an annual license fee of $15 million and the standard 5 percent business gross revenue tax collected. He added $15 million a year is a drop in the bucket for IPI.

"Fifteen million dollars a year is peanuts for what they are raking in when compared to what we would be receiving if we actually had a gross [gaming] revenue tax implemented from the beginning," added Propst.

IPI reported a $32.37-billion rolling chip volume in the 2016 calendar year and $5.59 billion rolling chip volume in January this year. Rolling chip volume is a casino revenue measurement, which is the sum of all non-negotiable chips played and lost by VIP gamblers.

Propst said that Macau collects 35 percent from its gross gaming revenue taxes and an additional 5 percent from other taxes for an almost 50 percent income collected by the government of one of China's two special administrative regions. Hong Kong is the other SAR.

He pointed out that Saipan is the only place in the world that does not impose taxes on gross gaming revenues. "We get zero. [Business gross revenue taxes] is not counted because all businesses pay that unless they are tax exempt."

"We have the only casino industry in the world that charges zero on gross gaming revenue taxes."

Maratita's HB 20-31 aims to correct that. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres had said before that he encourages taxes for the new casino.

"When you encourage casino gaming, you start an investment and eventually we should tax it. No ifs, no buts. Definitely we will tax them, but we need them to get the investment started first," Torres said in an earlier statement.

Other issues with IPI

Propst also lashed out at IPI following pictures posted on social media sites showing a huge pile of debris at the construction site of the Imperial Pacific Resort in Garapan. A trash fire broke out in an area where the multi-million dollar casino-resort is being built.

Propst said he was surprised why the Occupational Safety and Health Administration has not inspected the site and imposed fines for possible violations. "It is unbelievable that they are allowed to continue in that environment. I have never seen a more polluted and debris-filled construction site ever."

He suggested that what IPI could do is to ship off-island the debris and other trash from the construction site.

Propst is also proposing that IPI provide a traffic light at the intersection of Garapan Elementary School and Cha Café and Bakery to ease the congestion in the area, especially during the rush hour.

He said IPI closed down the entire Coral Tree Avenue right in front of the hotel's construction site, contributing to traffic in the area. "Would it be too much to ask them to pay for a traffic light at the intersection since it is the main turn to their casino?"

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

2017 XTERRA Ssipan

The 2017 XTERRA Saipan will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2017. Drivers are advised to exercise caution and follow all traffic officer directions, and dog owners are reminded to secure their pets along the race route from American Memorial Park to Navy Hill, Capital Hill, Wireless Ridge, As Teo, Mt. Tapochao, China Town, Garapan, and adjacent areas. For more information, contact the Marianas Visitors Authority. ***(PR)***

Bodybuilding contest on March 25

The 3rd Annual Marianas Muscle Bodybuilding & Physique Contest will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2017, starting at 3m at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. Admission is $10 per person. There will be an entry fee of $15 per competitor.

For more information about contest entry and rules, contact John Davis at 789-9211 or johnhdavisjr@gmail.com. For tickets, contract Jocelyn Itibus at 287-1232 or jocelynitibus@gmail.com; Enrico Valdez at 783-1320 or enrico_valdez@yahoo.com; Karen Davis at 789-7994 or karendavis0812@gmail.com; Jayda Rayphand at 783-7994 or jaydarayphand@gmail.com; or Jeanne Rayphand at 287-9807 or email jeanneesq@yahoo.com. ***(PR)***

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The Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence is inviting CNMI high school juniors and seniors to learn about advocacy and earn free stuff for prom by joining the Project PROM 2017 program.

CNMI teens invited to join Project PROM 2017

Now on its sixth year, the Project PROM program is designed to engage high school juniors and seniors in advocacy and sexual violence prevention. The program is also part of awareness and outreach activities related to Sexual Assault Awareness Month, which is in April.

"Our main goal with Project PROM is to give our youth the opportunity to learn about the issue of sexual violence, and to equip them with advocacy skills," said NMCADSV executive director Maisie B. Tenorio.

This opportunity is in the form of the Project PROM Advocacy Workshop, which is scheduled to take place on Rota and Saipan. Participants can receive formal attire, accessories, and related services for their prom.

"We're able to offer the participants…apparel and even services for their prom through the generous donations and sponsorship," said Tenorio. "For that we feel very blessed."

Sponsors of Project PROM 2017 include the *Marianas Variety*, Naked Fish Bar & Grill, Pena House Boutique, CHCC: Community Guidance Center's Prevention Services Unit, and Stellar Marianas.

Those interested in joining Project PROM may apply by submitting an essay answering the following questions "In your own words, how do you define sexual violence? What does advocacy mean to you? How will you advocate against sexual violence to your peers? Give examples." The essay must be 300 words minimum.

Essay submissions must also include the following information: applicant's full name, school attending, grade level, age, gender, contact number(s), and email address. Essays sent via email may be attached as an MS Word document or PDF, or within the body of the email.

Rota high school juniors and seniors may submit essays to a representative at the Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Junior Senior High School, or by emailing rotacoalition@gmail.com. The deadline is 4:30pm on Monday, March 27, 2017.

The Project PROM Advocacy Workshop for Rota will be on Wednesday, March 29, 2017, at 5:30pm at the Central Man'amko Center in Sinapalo. Those selected to attend will be notified via email and/or phone. For more information, contact a team rep at 287-7527 or email rotacoaliation@gmail.com.

Saipan high school juniors and seniors may submit essays to the NMCADSV office in Springs Plaza located along Middle Road during regular hours of operation (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm), or by emailing info@endviolencenmi.org. The deadline is 11:59pm on Sunday, March 26, 2017.

The Project PROM Advocacy Workshop for Saipan will be on Saturday, April 1, 2017, from 10am to 3pm. Those selected to attend will be updated on the location and notified via email and/or phone.

For more information on Project PROM, contact the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence at (670) 234-3878 or email info@endviolencenmi.org. Details regarding Tinian will be forthcoming. ***(PR)***

Pentecostal church hosts 3-day event

The Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ Saipan held a three-day event over the past weekend—the global church's Pacific area fellowship for 2017.

The PMCC church on Saipan has been hosting its Pacific area fellowship annually and this is its third year so far.

The organizer of the event, pastor Claire Javillionar, was greatly pleased by the turnout. "It is more successful than the previous ones in terms of attendance and blessings, and it is the year we have completed this three-day event with various activities."

The Pacific area fellowship was created for church members to come together from different islands of the Pacific such as Saipan, Pohnpei, Hawaii, Guam, and Rota.

The guest speaker was the area coordinator of the Pacific and one of the bishops of the PMCC church, pastor Gali Concepcion.

"The event was a success and it was truly a blessing," said Javillionar "We hope to see more next year." ***(Kimberly A. Bautista)***

Rotary members learn benefits of medi spa

You may not know it but Saipan now hosts a medi spa.

Called Thrive, it is located above Paradise Dental Center along Middle Road in Gualo Rai, and the first on Saipan

A medi spa differs because it offers more than what a day spa provides, according to Donna Krum, who explained all these during the Rotary Club of Saipan meeting yesterday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

A day spa offers facials, massages, waxing, etc. A medi spa, on the other hand, offers treatment like chelation therapy, hangover cure, jetlag cure, cool sculpting, and botox treatments.

Krum, who saw an entrepreneurial opportunity to start this business on Saipan, said that there aren't any medi spas on island. ***(Kimberly A. Bautista)***

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- Basic knowledge in generating process documentation
- Robust knowledge in developing web-based application and Mobile APPS
- Strong written and verbal communication skills including technical writing skills
- Experience working with System Builder

Applications can be obtained and submitted at the Human Resources Office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 29, 2017.

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Re-Announcement No. 16-027 (Revised)
Position Title: **Program Coordinator II (Service Learning)**
Department: Learning Support Services
Pay Level & Step: 22/01 – 22/02
Annual Salary: $26,773.63 - $27,710.10
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: March 09, 2017
Closing Date: March 20, 2017 or Until Filled

Re-Announcement No. 17-014
Position Title: **Administrative Manager I**
Department: School of Education
Pay Level & Step: 20/01 – 20/02
Annual Salary: $24,330.79 - $25,182.37
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: March 13, 2017
Closing Date: March 22, 2017 or Until Filled

Announcement No. 17-010
Position Title: **Network Specialist I**
Department: Information Technology
Pay Level & Step: 32/01 – 32/02
Annual Salary: $43,197.84 - $44,709.77
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: March 13, 2017
Closing Date: March 22, 2017 or Until Filled

Re-Announcement No. 17-008
Position Title: **Instructor, Fine Arts Visual**
Department: Social Sciences Fine Arts
Pay Level & Step: 32/01 – 32/02
Annual Salary: $41,527.83 - $42,981.30
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: March 13, 2017
Closing Date: March 22, 2017 or Until Filled

Re-Announcement No. 17-009
Position Title: **Administrative Assistant III (SMHA)**
Department: Science, Mathematics, Health & Athletics
Pay Level & Step: 19/01 – 19/02
Annual Salary: $23,194.27 - $24,006.07
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: March 13, 2017
Closing Date: March 22, 2017 or Until Filled

Re-Announcement No. 17-006
Position Title: **Program Lead: Extension Research & Communications Specialist**
Department: CREES
Pay Level & Step: 32/01 – 35/02
Annual Salary: $45,632.48 - $53,126.90
Location: As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: March 14, 2017
Closing Date: March 23, 2017 or Until Filled

Re-Announcement No. 17-005
Position Title: **Extension Agent** (Agriculture/Community Development)
Department: CREES
Pay Level & Step: 29/01 – 29/02
Location: Rota Campus, Rota
Opening Date: March 14, 2017
Closing Date: March 23, 2017 or Until Filled

Applications must be submitted by 4:40 pm on the closing date. If there are no qualified applicants or the set of qualified applicants is deemed an insufficient pool, the closing date will be extended for two-week periods for further submission and review of applications until the search is closed. Deadlines that fall on a non-business day will be extended to the next business day. All salaries are subject to availability of funds. The College is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works
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INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW17-IFB-010

SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF ROLL-OFF TRUCK WITH CABLE HOIST & TARPING SYSTEM TO THE LOWER BASE TRANSFER STATION, SAIPAN

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW), is soliciting sealed bids for the Supply and Delivery of Roll-Off Truck with Cable Hoist and Tarping System to the Lower Base Transfer Station (LBTS), Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **March 16, 2017** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located 2nd Floor-Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of Fifty Dollars **($50.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the project package at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in effect.

Breach of Ethical Standard
• ***Gratuities.*** It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any person to offer, give or agree to give any employee or former employee, or for any employee or former employee to solicit, demand, accept, or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation of any part of a program requirement or a purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter, pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or subcontract or to any solicitation or proposal therefor. **NMIAC Section 70-30.3-725 (a)**

• ***Kickbacks.*** It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any payment, gratuity or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier subcontractor or any person associated therewith as an inducement for the award of a subcontractor or order. **NMIAC 70-30.3-725 (b)**

• ***Contingent fees.*** It shall be a breach of ethical standards for a person to be retained, or to retain a person, to solicit or secure government contracts upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, except for retention of bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial selling agencies for securing business. **NMIAC 70-30.3-730**

There will be a **mandatory Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **April 4, 2017, 9:30 a.m., local time, at the Solid Waste Management Division Office Conference Room, Lower Base Transfer Station, Saipan.** The Prospective bidders are highly encouraged to familiarize themselves with the Roll-Off Truck and Roll-Off Bins currently in-use at the LBTS. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **May 30, 2017** to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor-Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan, or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 p.m. to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor-Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan, or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the **roll-off truck and the roll-off bins currently in-use at LBTS**, and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division Office by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) Calendar days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked "**DPW-17-IFB-010**." For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, June 2, 2017**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, June 2, 2017**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **June 2, 2017** and the BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **June 14, 2017**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m. local time, June 16, 2017**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:00 a.m. local time, on June 2, 2017**.

For bids, greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **($25,000.00)** a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:
1) Cash
2) US Gov't Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is one-hundred-twenty **(120) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **Three Hundred (US$300.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works

HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply

MVA, HK Express show off Marianas to media

Media and participants of the Marianas Visitors Authority's familiarization tour of the Marianas take a STAR ATV tour on Feb. 23, 2017, on Saipan. MVA

With the January 2017 launch of direct flights from Hong Kong to the Marianas, the Marianas Visitors Authority and HK Express recently held a familiarization tour, or FAM tour, for media and key opinion leaders, KOLs, to generate publicity.

"With the recent launch of direct flights from Hong Kong, there's no better time than now to have media and KOLs come and discover the allure of the Marianas," said MVA marketing manager Bruce Bateman. "This recent FAM tour has generated positive coverage for us not only in Hong Kong, but also throughout the Pearl River Delta where many visitors are booking via Hong Kong on HK Express. Key opinion leaders play an ever more important role in reaching our target audiences via social media and other web-based means."

The FAM tour was held on Feb. 21-25, 2017, on Saipan and Tinian. Activities included an island tour of major historic and scenic sites on Saipan and Tinian, including Marpi and North Field as well as a local farm, Managaha and San Juan Beach. Dining was sampled at Surf Club, Hard Rock Café Saipan, Best Sunshine Live Lounge and Noodle Bar, JC Café, and SandCastle Saipan. The media team also experienced indigenous culture with Bojobo doll-making and Chamorro and Carolinian arts and crafts and dancing. The group also enjoyed shopping at T Galleria, I Love Saipan, Joeten Hafa Adai Shopping Center, and along Paseo de Marianas.

Participating companies were *Nanfang Daily*, *Metro Daily, Sing Tao Daily, Oriental Daily, Information Times, Yangcheng Evening News*, Wen Wei Po, and key opinion leaders Sugar's Roaming and Sunshine Travel Photography. ***(MVA)***

Media and participants of the Marianas Visitors Authority's familiarization tour of the Marianas learn how Bojobo dolls are made on Feb. 24, 2017, on Tinian. MVA

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2017 Toyota Tacoma from Atkins Kroll Toyota**
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Other prizes include airline tickets, smart phones, hotel stays, and much more!
**Actual prize vehicle may not be exactly as shown ***Prizes subject to change.
PRIZES FOR EACH FLIGHT
1st Place: $500
2nd Place $300
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Saturday, March 18, 2017
LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort (East Course)
Showtime: 6:00 am / Shotgun Start: 7:00 am
Flights: Championship, A, B, C, Ladies, and Seniors
Registration Fee: $100
Maximum 120 players
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The *Saipan Tribune* is looking for a FULL-TIME news reporter.

QUALIFICATIONS

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- With photography skills;
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If you have what it takes to be part of a dynamic team, email your résumé and samples of your work to editor@saipantribune.com. You may also drop it off at the *Saipan Tribune* office on the second floor of the JP Center Building on Beach Road, Garapan. ON-ISLAND HIRES PREFERRED.

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Job Vacancy Announcements
YANO Enterprises, Inc. dba: Kinpachi Restaurant

Assistant Manager (1): Be able to assist the general manager in the supervision of business establishment to ensure the restaurant & stores efficiency & profitable operations; work closely with the personnel in preparation & processing of reservations, greets & answers customers inquiry, patrons complaints & resolve problems. Prepare advertising campaigns of the restaurant & stores to attract customers. Assist in doing daily inventory of foods, merchandise and assets of the business. Duties include but are not limited to delegating authority & assigning responsibilities, reviewing financial transactions & monitoring budget limitations, & be able to present written & oral reports on the company's financial & operational status. Must have Japanese oral skills & knowledge of Japanese food products.

Restaurant Supervisor (3): Must be qualified in restaurant operations, customer service, menu planning, & reservation operations. Must be responsible for the supervision of staff as to dining areas cleanliness in appearance & outside grounds. Ensure any customers issues are addressed immediately and resolved in a manner which exceeds the customer's expectation. Also need to have basic Japanese oral skills. Must have an extensive knowledge of Japanese food products & be able to make orders & preparations.

Accountant (2): Must be efficient in handling financial records, statements, & reports. Have knowledge on all Taxes computation & filing. Must be able to budget & estimate purchasing costs & requisitions of merchandise necessary in the company.

Restaurant Waitress (3): Greeting Customers. Must be able to speak basic Japanese & efficient English & have a friendly & outgoing personality. Should be knowledgeable of the restaurant dishes, familiar with the entire menu the establishment offers. Can introduce & recommend daily specials as well as the restaurant's regular menu items. Continued services after the meal have been served and accept payments & other duties related.

Cook (8): Must be experienced & skilled in preparing Japanese cuisine including but not limited to sushi, sashimi, & tempura. Can prepare all menu items according to quantity menus, must know cutting and preparation techniques for each type of fish used in sushi rolls as well as how to prepare rice, sauces and seasonal ingredients, must ensure that ingredients are fresh, colorful and always in stock, that the all-important knives are sharp and clean, and that all equipment is in working order. Must be able to maintain kitchen & observe safety & sanitary food handling practices as well as other related duties.

General Maintenance (3): Must have a valid CNMI driver's license and flexible in work hours. Duties may involve skills in electrical, plumbing, carpentry, masonry, painting, landscape or maintain grounds of property using hand or power tools or equipment. Can typically perform variety of task such as sod laying, mowing, trimming, planting, watering, fertilizing, digging, raking and installing , repairing buildings, floors or stairs.

Additional Requirements: All applicants must be of good health and have a good moral character, must be able to follow grooming standards, must be able to obtain required food handler health certificate, must be able to provide current police clearance, with reliable transportation and must agree to drug test. Can work in flexible hours including weekends and night time.

Applicants of positions listed above except Restaurant Waitress (3 months work experience) are required to have a minimum of 2 - 4 year experience. Applications can be picked up at Kinpachi Restaurant in Coral Tree Avenue, Garapan.

We are an equal opportunity employer. Qualified applicants will be considered.

Interested applicants must apply in person, applications can be picked up at Kinpachi Restaurant in Coral Tree Avenue, Garapan.

Please no phone calls.

Scheduled power outages on March 18, 22, 23

There will be a scheduled power outage on Saturday, March 18, 2017, from 5:30am to 1:30 p.m.

The purpose of the power interruption is to de-energize the primary lines to allow the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. line crew to safely replace seven wooden power poles with concrete poles along Isa Drive in San Vicente. This is part of the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Program to strengthen and harden the integrity of the power distribution system throughout the island.

Areas to be affected: Isa Drive, San Vicente (Laulau Bay Drive, Achon Ln., Railroad Dr., Sinagu Ln., Tininu Pl., Galak Dr., Makpong P1., Pacific Heights Ln., Boya P1., Galayan Pl., Mulberry Ln., Lantana P1., Palai Way, Mapga Ln., Langit Ln., Berbena Dr., Pakko Ln., Golondrina Dr., Nifen Ln., and Tagan Tagan Dr.).

There will also be a scheduled power interruption on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, from 9am to 1pm, to de-energize the primary lines to allow the CUC line crew to safely conduct distribution system maintenance on the Feeder 1 distribution circuit by replacing a rotted primary power pole in China Town, to strengthen and harden the integrity of the power distribution system throughout the island.

China Town will be affected (Executive Ct., Husga Av., President St., Ruler Ct., and Governor P1.).

Another scheduled power outage will take place on Thursday, March 23, 2017, from 9am to 1:30pm to allow the CUC line crew to safely replace four wooden power poles with concrete poles along Naftan Road in Dandan.

Areas to be affected: Naftan Road, Dandan (Hawaiian Rock Quarry and Guerrero residence).

Because of the scale of work that will be performed, CUC asks travelers to take alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through the affected areas.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest update. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

A magical night with Roman Rudnytsky

Classical pianist Roman Rudnytsky returns to Saipan for another visit. The Friends of the Arts will be sponsoring two of Rudnytsky's concerts.

This week, Rudnytsky will stage a concert on March 18, at the Pacific Island Club. This dinner concert is open to the public at the cost of $35 for adult FOA members, $40 for adult non-members, $30 for students over 11 years in age, and $15 for children age 4-11. The doors will open at 6pm for dining and the concert will begin at 7pm. Reservations can be made by contacting Frank Gibson at 287-7476 or, preferably, by e-mail at flgibson@yahoo.com.

The second concert will be next Friday, March 24, at the American Memorial Park theater. This is free to the public. Doors will open at 6:30pm; concert will begin at 7pm.

The award-winning Marianas High School Rhythm 'N Harmony will open both programs.

This is Rudnytsky's eighth trip to the CNMI.

Rudnytsky is an internationally active concert pianist of Ukrainian background whose frequent performances take him all over the world—to every continent and places in between. In addition to performances in capital cities and important musical centers, he often plays in places away from the musical mainstream, bringing the world and pleasure of classical music to audiences which seldom experience this type of music in live performance. He has received much acclaim in the world's press and many repeat invitations.

A graduate of the Julliard School in New York, he also did additional studies at the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore, Maryland and at master classes in Austria (the "Mozarteum") and Italy.

Since 1972, Rudnytsky has been a member of the piano faculty of the Dana School of Music at Youngstown State University in Youngstown, Ohio. He is a recipient of that institution's "Distinguished Professor Award" in recognition of his concert activities. He previously served on the piano faculties of the Indiana University School of Music (Bloomington, Indiana) and the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory, in addition to being "artist-in-residence" at two Australian universities.

During his two-week visit to Saipan, he will travel to many of CNMI schools, playing and discussing music with students.

Rudnytsky travels at his own expense. The Friends of the Arts, with the help of sponsors—Bridge Capital, IT&E, Drs. Edgar and Susan Tudor, Atkins-Kroll Toyota, Hertz Car Rental, Brabu Pharmacy, Triple J Saipan, PHI Pharmacy, Hardt Eye Clinic, CTSI Logistics, J's Restaurant, the Canton Chinese Restaurant and HR Support CNMI—hosts Rudnytsky's stay. ***(PR)***

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANGELINA BORJA PEREDO aka ANGELINA P. RIOS Deceased.	) CIVIL ACTION NO.: 26-0252) SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION AND APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATRIX

TO: THE SURVIVING HEIRS OF ANGELINA BORJA PEREDO aka ANGELINA P. RIOS:

The foregoing Summons/Notice of Hearing is served upon you by publication to notify you that on **April 20, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.**, a hearing will be held before the Honorable Joseph N. Camacho on Petitioner Armando Villafuerte's Petition for Letters of Administration and Appointment of Administratrix in the above-styled matter, at the Superior Court for the CNMI, Guma Hustisia, on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The attorney for Armando Villafuerte is Robert T. Torres, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

Dated this 29th day of December, 2016.

/s/ Clerk of Court
Deputy Clerk of Court

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ATTORNEYS FOR Petitioner

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of the Estates of FELIX FITIAL RABAULIMAN AND JOAQUINA MAREHAM RABAULIMAN Deceased	) CIVIL ACTION NO.: 17-0075

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Francisco M. Rabauliman has filed a Petition for Letters of Administration upon the Estates of Felix Fitial Rabauliman and Joaquina Marehan Rabauliman, deceased; and that the said Petition will be heard by the Court on April 20, 2017, at the hour of 9:00a.m.

Notice is also given that all heirs of and persons having claims against the Estate of Felix Fitial Rabauliman and/or Joaquina Mareham Rabauliman, deceased, and to all persons claiming an interest in said Estate, that they shall file such claims with the Clerk of this Court within sixty (60) days from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Copies of such claims should be provided to Michael A. White, Esq., The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, P.O. Box 5222 CHRB, Saipan, MP 96950, Attorney for Petitioner. All claims not so filed shall be forever barred.

DATED: March 14, 2017

/s/ Clefk of Court

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy birthday to Neil Agulto. May you have a great one. Love, Rose, Deron, and Dremian.

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IPI-CSR'S WOMEN IN HISTORY:

Margarita Torres-Aldan, the late Escolastica Cabrera

Two inspiring women from the CNMI are also R.I.S.E. Women in History honorees this year: Margarita Torres-Aldan for healthcare and the late Escolastica Cabrera for business.

R.I.S.E. stands for "Respected, Inspired, Strengthened, and Empowered."

Imperial Pacific International-Corporate Social Responsibility will recognize Torres-Aldan and Cabrera in a special ceremony that fetes women who excelled in various fields over the years and have helped shape the growth and development of the islands in various fields.

The ceremony will take place at 10:30am on Friday at the Charley's Cabaret of the Pacific Islands Club.

The late Escolastica Cabrera.

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Margarita Torres-Aldan heads the Department of Public Health Services.

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Healthcare award

Torres-Aldan heads the Department of Public Health Services.

"As a child I always wanted to work in the field of healthcare," said Torres-Aldan. "When I was in high school in Denver, Colorado, I volunteered in nursing homes and rehab centers. In college, I volunteered for March of Dimes, Easter Seals, and Community Clinics."

It was during her volunteer work that she saw the struggles and needs of families. She knew her calling.

"It was there that I saw the needs and struggles of the families," she shares of her experiences. From "pre-term labor to infant death, challenges with breastfeeding to lack of transportation for doctor's appointments and not being able to provide assistance to navigate social support needs" of patients were eye-openers for her.

"It showed me that I want to focus on women, infant and children, including children with special health needs," she said.

Her inspiring journey continued when she moved back to Saipan in the 1990s. She was offered the Maternal and Child Health Program manager position at the hospital.

"That was the start of my career in public health; deputy secretary for Public Health Josephine Sablan offered me the position and gave me the advice that I should focus on the community and focus my work around them," she added. "[Now] throughout my work, I always try to engage with and involve the community. I learned that we will only be successful if we work with the community-at-large"

"A piece of advice that I would leave the lovely ladies of the world is that we cannot all succeed if some of us are being held back so let's all be together as we move forward as leaders of change! Love, respect and be true to yourself because if you don't, nobody else will," said Torres-Aldan.

She expressed her deep appreciation for being one of the pioneering honorees of the R.I.S.E. Women in History Award.

"I want to say a special '*si yu'us ma'ase, olomwaay* and thank you' to IPI for selecting me for this award. I am humbled and honored," she said. "I'd also like to thank the heavenly Father for the blessings, my mom and dad for the lessons they've instilled in me, my siblings for the support, my kids and husband for being very patient with me, and my 'Public Health divas' for being there through the good, the bad and the ugly. I love you all.

"Finally, I'd like to dedicate this award to my mom, Francisca Wesley Torres. This is for you, Mom! Congratulations to all honorees."

Business award

The late Escolastica Cabrera's enduring contributions to the islands' business development is widely known.

As one of the first local businesswomen on Saipan, she created a path for many successful women in business today.

She started her entrepreneurial career as a beauty parlor owner when she was only 19 years old.

"My mom was only 19 when she started her first business," said Linda Cabrera, eldest daughter of Escolastica Cabrera. "It was a beauty parlor. She obtained her equipment from a naval commander's wife and learned the skills to properly operate the business. …She later got married, built a place in Susupe and opened another business—a general retail store."

At the time, Linda said, "many people didn't have cars and I remember how people would drive through with their bikes to buy ice cream, ice cup, and popcorn. She also opened up a car rental and later opened the first snack mobile on Saipan that sold lunch plates for $0.25 each and a snack bar which catered to the Dr. Torres Hospital and is still around today called Galaxy."

Cabrera then opened a shop on the island's first airport where she sold coffee and donuts. She later decided to move to Capital Hill where she put up a vegetable stand that expanded into a merchandise store, known as "Esco's Bakery and Restaurant."

Her bakeshop still operates today, although it is now called "Chamorrita Bakery." Through this, her legacy lives on. The business is being ran by her children and grandchildren.

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Another daughter, Rita Cabrera, is proud to follow in her mother's footsteps.

"I went to [Northern Marianas Trade Institute] and had great experiences taking culinary classes. I'm so honored and proud and I wish my mom were here to see my accomplishments," she notes. "I remember her constantly reminding me to 'Be good. Respect and be generous to the people in the community. Never forget to be grateful and happy.' Customer service was very important to her."

Olinka T. Cabrera, another daughter, remembers her mother addressing an audience at a cultural day event in 2008.

"My mom told the audience that it is important to teach your children about your culture to preserve it. Teach your children to be respectful and to do their best to be successful. My mother and father raised all of us 13 kids and I am proud to say that they did a good job," remembers Olinka Cabrera.

Escolastica Cabrera was devout follower of the Catholic faith.

"Mom taught us how to pray. She made sure that we never missed Sunday Mass," said Gloria C. Reyes, daughter of Esco. "She taught us many things like how to be respectful, to love, but what I appreciate the most is that she taught me how to bake. It is my hobby, along with many other members of the family."

Son Eloy T. Cabrera recalls how giving back to the community was very important to his mom.

"My mom was a very giving person. She wasn't rich with money but she was rich with love. She was always donating to schools when they requested. Giving was always something she practiced."

R.I.S.E. Women in History recognizes Escolastica Cabrera for her hard work and dedication in creating a platform for successful women and the growth of the CNMI, in general. (***PR***)

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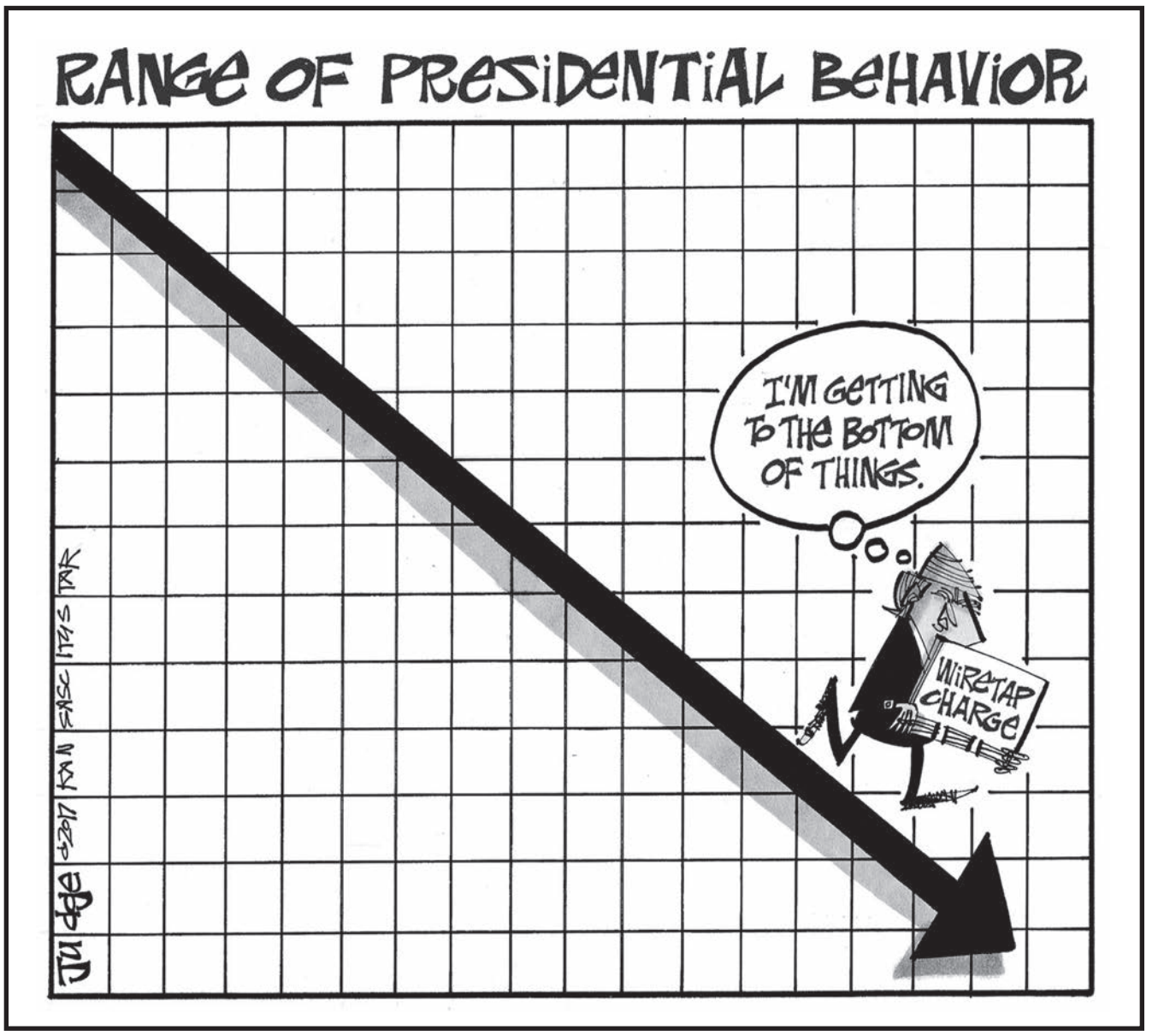

EDITORIAL

The best defense against fake news

Your average slug is more popular than the media these days. The Trump administration has declared the press the opposition party and enemy of the people. Fake news and stories filled with inaccurate or incomplete facts are receiving unprecedented attention.

Given that environment, it will be tempting for many Americans to tune out as journalists wax poetic about the virtues of "Sunshine Week," which began Sunday. The initiative is now in its 12th year and is being led by the American Society of Newspaper Editors and the Reporters for Committee for Freedom of the Press, along with the Gridiron Club and Foundation and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. But the public should not tune them out _ not only because journalists deserve a fair hearing, but because the public deserves a government accessible enough that it can be held accountable by the everyday American as much as (sometimes more than) the professional journalist.

Sunshine Week is a nonpartisan effort held annually to remind Americans about the importance of Freedom of Information laws that date back half a century and have served as a bedrock of every level of our democracy.

Those are not just pretty words. The more the public knows, the more it can make informed decisions about who should lead us, which policies are broken, and which policies need to be improved, not scrapped. It helps the citizen concerned about spending by the local school board keep tabs on how administrative pay increases correlate with per-pupil funding and academic achievement. The more open the laws are, the harder it is for police departments everywhere to not be completely transparent about police shootings that threaten to tear communities apart.

It's what allowed the North Carolina Open Government Coalition to quiz nine local governments throughout the state and 19 state officials about their use and preservation of text messages, where policy is increasingly being molded and talking points crafted. It's the reason South Carolinian Dinedra Smith could gather enough information about the possible wrongful conviction of her brother in a home invasion to persuade law enforcement officials and local and national media to take a second look at the case.

And the laws serve as a bulwark against fake news because they allow individuals to put their hands on original documents and examine source material that can be used to rebut conspiracies or ferret out misleading claims by elected officials. That also makes it possible for the public to keep tabs on the media.

While media outlets may be leading the charge to celebrate such an invaluable democratic tool, the public should be its greatest defender, because without it, our most basic constitutional rights would be shells of themselves.

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How do we define adulthood?

By MARK OPPENHEIMER
Los Angeles Times

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The legislature in my home state of Connecticut is considering a bill that would raise the age of legal marriage to 18. Right now, like 26 other states, Connecticut sets no minimum age: 16- and 17-year-olds can marry with parental consent, and younger children—15, 14, heck, 8 or 9—can marry with parental consent and a judge's approval. Between 2000 and 2014, there were 14 marriages in Connecticut involving 14-year-old girls.

As it happens, Connecticut is part of a trend. Eight states are considering similar bills, an explosion of interest due to the work of activist Fraidy Reiss, who entered into an arranged marriage with a fellow ultra-Orthodox Jew when she was 19, later divorced, and now runs a nonprofit called Unchained at Last.

Setting aside the merits of her movement—and I think there are many—the bill raises a larger question: Who counts as an adult? Our federal and state laws are an inconsistent patchwork of mixed messages. You can drive at 16 in most places, although not in New Jersey, where you have to be 17, or South Dakota, where you can get a license with some restrictions at 14 {. You can vote for president at 18, the same age at which you have to register for the draft. But if you are drafted at 18, you can't have a beer after a rough day of basic training—you have to wait until you're 21. Also at 18, you can buy a rifle or a shotgun from a licensed dealer—but not a handgun. For that, you have to wait until you're 21.

Want to change these laws? You can run for the House of Representatives at 25, the Senate at 30, the presidency at 35. You can be mayor of most cities at a far younger age, usually 18, which means you could theoretically run a town without being able to drink in its bars.

These inconsistencies aren't our countries' most pressing problem. But our culture's inability to agree on when adulthood begins contributes to some awfully infantile behavior, or at least our tolerance of it.

When the writer Charles Murray visited Middlebury College recently, students who disagreed with his views on race shouted him down, yelled obscenities, banged on windows, set off fire alarms and, after his talk, grabbed the hair of the professor who had debated against him. Some liberals said, in the students' defense, "They are children!" That's an odd way to think about adults old enough to vote and enlist in the Army, but perhaps a rational take on man-boys too young to drink.

We need to figure out who counts as an adult. It makes no sense to expect people to die for their country but not drink for their pleasure. By the same token, it's absurd to say that people who aren't old enough to vote are old enough to get married—if you can't vote for town government, you shouldn't be able to form your own household. There should be one age of majority when all of these rights are bestowed at once.

Of course, it's not easy to determine the right age. Research suggests that our brains don't reach cognitive maturity until we are well into our 20s—a strong argument for not letting 18-year-olds buy liquor or, for that matter, letting 18-year-olds drive cars or buy guns. Conversely, because 16-year-olds (and younger) can have babies, there's a good argument for letting them marry the babies' fathers, with the hope of creating stable families.

But the fact that any age of maturity we choose will necessarily seem arbitrary shouldn't blind us to the common-sense wisdom of having a uniform one. Eighteen—when most people are done with high school—seems as good an age as any.

If we raise the marriage age to 18, and lower the drinking age to 18—where it used to be in most states—then we'd have one meaningful age of majority for marriage, voting, drinking and military service.

Not to mention signing contracts. "We don't allow children to enter into significant binding contracts before 18," said Derek Slap, a Democratic legislator from West Hartford who said he'll probably vote for the Connecticut marriage bill.

But what, I asked, about a couple of 17-year-olds who are truly in love? "Maybe once in a while Romeo and Juliet would have to cool their jets for a year," Slap said. "But I am OK with that."

THE CONSUMER CAUTION CORNER

Debt collection and your rights

By MICHAEL J. CYGANEK
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

This week, the Office of the Attorney General's "Consumer Caution Corner" focuses on educating consumers about debt collection and their associated rights. If you are behind in paying your bills, or a creditor's records mistakenly make it appear that you are, a debt collector may be contacting you. The Federal Trade Commission, the nation's consumer protection agency, enforces the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, which prohibits debt collectors from using abusive, unfair, or deceptive practices to collect from you. Under the FDCPA, a debt collector is someone who regularly collects debts owed to others. This includes collection agencies and lawyers who collect debts on a regular basis, and companies that buy delinquent debts and then try to collect them.

Here are some questions and answers about your rights under the Act:

What types of debts are covered?

The Act covers personal, family, and household debts, including money you owe on a personal credit card account, an auto loan, a medical bill, and your mortgage. The FDCPA does not cover debts you incurred to run a business.

Can a debt collector contact me any time or any place?

No. A debt collector may not contact you at inconvenient times or places, such as before 8:00am or after 9:00pm, unless you agree to it. And collectors may not contact you at work if they are told (orally or in writing) that you are not allowed to get calls there. Debt collectors can contact you by phone, letter, email, or text message to collect a debt, as long as they follow the rules and disclose that they are debt collectors. No matter how they communicate with you, it is against the law for a debt collector to pretend to be someone else—like an attorney or government agency—or to harass, threaten or deceive you.

What practices are off limits for debt collectors?

Debt collectors are prohibited from saying that:

- you will be arrested if you do not pay your debt;
- they will seize, garnish, attach, or sell your property or wages unless they are permitted by law to take the action and intend to do so; or
- legal action will be taken against you, if doing so would be illegal or if they do not intend to take the action.

Harassment. Debt collectors may not harass, oppress, or abuse you or any third parties they contact. For example, they may not:

- use threats of violence or harm;
- publish a list of names of people who refuse to pay their debts (but they can give this information to the credit reporting companies);
- use obscene or profane language; or
- repeatedly use the phone to annoy someone.

False statements. Debt collectors may not lie when they are trying to collect a debt. For example, they cannot:

- falsely claim that you have committed a crime; or
- misrepresent the amount you owe.

Unfair practices. Debt collectors may not engage in unfair practices when they try to collect a debt. For example, they may not:

- try to collect any interest, fee, or other charge on top of the amount you owe unless the contract that created your debt—or your state law—allows the charge; or
- deposit a post-dated check early.

Can federal benefits be garnished?

Many federal benefits are *exempt* from garnishment, including:

- Social Security benefits
- Supplemental Security income ("SSI") benefits
- Civil service and federal retirement and disability benefits
- Military annuities and survivors' benefits
- Federal Emergency Management Agency federal disaster assistance

Federal benefits may be garnished under certain circumstances, including to pay delinquent taxes, alimony, child support, or student loans.

Do I have any recourse if I think a debt collector has violated the law?

You have the *right to sue* a collector in a state or federal court within one year from the date the law was violated. If you win, the judge can require the collector to pay you for any damages you can prove you suffered because of the illegal collection practices, like lost wages and medical bills. The judge can require the debt collector to pay you up to $1,000, even if you cannot prove that you suffered actual damages. You also can be *reimbursed* for your attorney's fees and court costs. A group of people also may sue a debt collector as part of a class action lawsuit and recover money for damages up to $500,000, or 1 percent of the collector's net worth, whichever amount is lower. Even if a debt collector violates the FDCPA in trying to collect a debt, the debt does not go away if you owe it.

What should I do if a debt collector sues me?

If a debt collector files a lawsuit against you to collect a debt, respond to the lawsuit, either personally or through your lawyer, by the date specified in the court papers to preserve your rights. For the full FTC "Debt Collection" publication, pick up a copy at the OAG (on Capital Hill) or request one by email from consumer_counsel@cnmioag.org.

Each week, the OAG's Consumer Protection Education Program aims to provide consumers and businesses with the "know-how" to identify and protect themselves from unfair trade practices and marketplace schemes. If you would like to file a consumer complaint, pick up a form at the OAG (on Capital Hill) or request one by email from consumer_counsel@cnmioag.org. After completing the consumer complaint, submit it by email or in-person.

We cannot act as your private attorney. If you need legal assistance, we will recommend that you contact a private attorney or legal aid organization. We cannot give legal advice or act as your private attorney.

Michael J. Cyganek is consumer counsel of the Office of the Attorney General.

Republicans never really faced realities of health care

The Congressional Budget Office analysis of the Republican health-care bill did not disappoint. Republicans feared it would be catastrophic. It is.

Instead of "better health care for more people at a lesser cost," as President Donald Trump promised, the nonpartisan CBO report released Monday said the Republican plan would drop 24 million from the insurance rolls by the end of the next decade.

Republicans have never tried to grapple with the realities of health care. In attacking Obamacare over the past eight years, they alternated between hysteria and subterfuge.

When Democrats passed the Affordable Care Act in 2010, Republican Sen. Tom Coburn announced that, as a result of the ACA's passage, "There will be no insurance industry left in three years."

Since Coburn, who is now retired, rang the industry's death knell, insurance stocks are up around 100 percent.

In 2011, Paul Ryan, then the House Budget Committee chairman, predicted that the Affordable Care Act would "collapse under its own weight."

Six years later, the ACA is providing health insurance, via Medicaid and private insurance exchanges, to roughly 20 million Americans.

That same year, then-Speaker of the House John Boehner said that the ACA "will bankrupt our nation, and it will ruin our economy."

In reality, as the ACA came into effect, the U.S. economy grew, job growth accelerated and the federal deficit declined.

These were not the comments of cranks. Until Trump's election, Boehner and Ryan were, in succession, the highest-ranking Republicans in the land. Coburn, in addition to being a doctor, had a reputation as one of the more principled fiscal conservatives in Washington.

Republican rhetoric on the ACA started out reckless and never really improved. Sarah Palin gets too much credit; plenty of mainstream Republicans played the game. In 2009, Republican Sen. Charles Grassley, the ranking member on the Senate Finance Committee, where he was intimately involved in substantive negotiations on the ACA, went home to Iowa and pretended that the bill included death panels.

"We should not have a government program that determines if you're going to pull the plug on grandma," he said at a town hall.

The beat goes on. Republicans spent the past week pre-emptively bashing the CBO knowing that it would expose Trump's promises as a sham.

By FRANCIS WILKINSON
Bloomberg View

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On Sunday, Trump's Health and Human Services secretary Tom Price told Chuck Todd, "I firmly believe that nobody will be worse off financially" from the GOP health-care bill.

Price didn't have the devastating numbers from CBO in hand. But the former House Budget Committee chairman had written his own health-care bill when he was in Congress. He surely knew he was not telling anything remotely like the truth.

One thing about people who accustom themselves to deceit is that, sooner or later, they start lying to one another as well as to themselves.

Health-care discussions between the White House and Congressional Republicans promise to be loads of fun in the days ahead.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wanted: Caregiving assistance

'A nation's greatness is measured by how it treats its weakest members.'

—Mahatma Gandhi, humanitarian and civil rights leader (1869-1948)

Efforts have been made to preserve the distinct and unique cultural heritage and indigenous way of life in the Commonwealth. Earlier this year the opinion was expressed that "the indigenous people have their priorities wrong." The writer was referring to the efforts to deny non-NMDs the right to vote on Article 12 in comparison to the apparent lack of attention to significant health issues and the effects of diet, diabetes, betel nut chewing, lack of exercise, drugs, etc.

Generally, efforts to preserve the indigenous culture and heritage seem to have focused on language, arts and crafts.

However, it seems that one of the most significant and most important aspects of the indigenous culture is slipping away and being forgotten or ignored—that is, caring for family members who, because of age or illness, are unable to care for themselves.

A respite care system was established by the Legislature—but remains inadequately funded. When family members are unwilling or unable to provide care for their elderly or disabled family members, needed caregivers are difficult, if not impossible, to find.

In the interest of preserving the indigenous culture and heritage as well as providing necessary caregiver assistance to those in need, perhaps the Legislature, the NMD Corp., and members of the indigenous community could consider and focus on ideas, initiatives or programs to preserve and protect this aspect of the culture.

NMPASI was created to pursue legal, administrative and other appropriate remedies to protect and advocate for the rights of persons with disabilities. Recently more and more assistance is sought for elderly or disabled persons who are unable to care for themselves. Please contact NMPASI at 235-7273/4 [voice], 235-7275 [fax], or 235-7278 if you know of anyone interested in providing caregiver assistance on a part-time or full-time basis or if you have any ideas or alternatives for ensuring that the elderly or disabled persons in our community are provided with necessary care.

Jeanne Rayphand
Legal counsel, NMPASI

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
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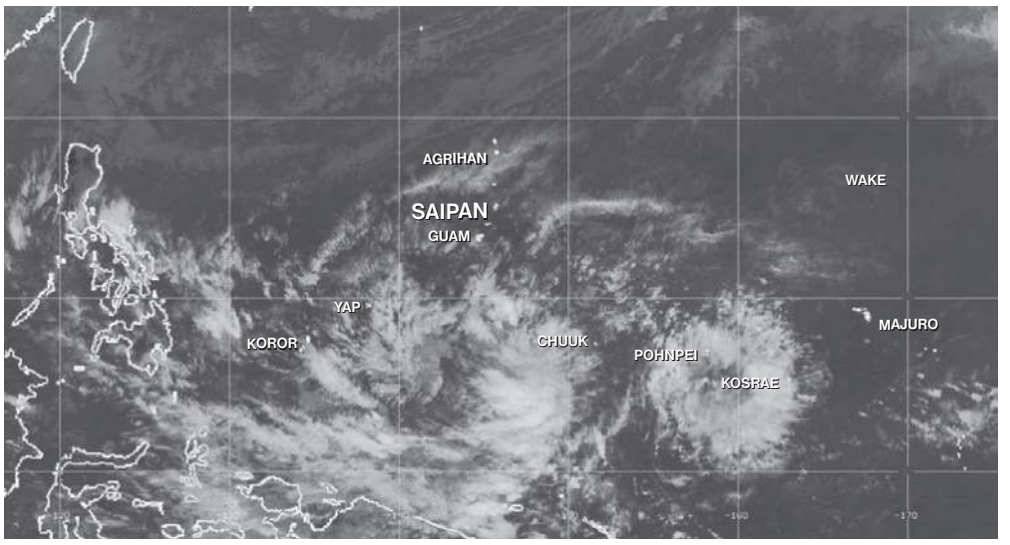

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A quiet pattern remains over the Marianas and is expected to continue for the next couple of days. This will all change by the end of the week as a more active pattern moves into the region. Both the GFS and ECMWF continue to indicate a large increase in deep layer moisture over the weekend associated with another shear line moving in from the north combining with a band of convergence to the north of a broad circulation currently centered southeast of Yap near 5N143E. This would likely result in significant rainfall along with a few thunderstorms for the Marianas. Therefore, decided to go ahead and increase shower coverage to scattered and added isolated thunderstorms Friday through Saturday night. Scattered showers could continue into the beginning of next week if the shear line stalls over the Marianas.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA	▲ ▼ °F	
Guam and Rota	Overcast	85 | 77 °F
Palau	Overcast	84 | 77 °F
Yap	Mostly Cloudy	82 | 71 °F
Chuuk	Overcast	82 | 79 °F
Pohnpei	Overcast	80 | 77 °F
Kosrae	Mostly Cloudy	85 | 78 °F
Majuro	Mostly Cloudy	79 | 69 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE	▲ ▼ °F	
Auckland	Clear	70 | 54 °F
Beijing	Clear	63 | 34 °F
Hong Kong	Scattered Clouds	67 | 63 °F
Honolulu	Mostly Cloudy	82 | 69 °F
London	Mostly Cloudy	58 | 42 °F
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	84 | 56 °F
Manila	Mostly Cloudy	90 | 76 °F
Melbourne	Clear	91 | 74 °F
Miami	Partly Cloudy	73 | 51 °F
New York	Clear	27 | 21 °F
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	51 | 40 °F
Paris	Overcast	55 | 39 °F
Pusan	Clear	55 | 31 °F
Rome	Clear	67 | 40 °F
Salem	Overcast	59 | 52 °F
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Seoul	Clear	54 | 28 °F
Tokyo	Overcast	44 | 37 °F
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	32 | 21 °F

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4:05 AM	LOW TIDE	0.52
9:50 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.84
4:32 PM	LOW TIDE	0.33
10:30 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.71

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:24 AM	6:27 PM
Friday	6:23 AM	6:27 PM
Saturday	6:22 AM	6:27 PM
Sunday	6:22 AM	6:27 PM
Monday	6:21 AM	6:27 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	8:45 AM	9:29 PM
Friday	-	9:25 AM	10:17 PM
Saturday	-	10:07 AM	11:06 PM
Sunday	-	10:50 AM	11:54 PM
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UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:15pm	7:05pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW308	2:35am	6:25am	Daily
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:30am	Daily
LJ652	3:10pm	7:05pm	Daily
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily
ZE582	4:25pm	8:35pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	2:55am	6:10am	1, 7
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7
7C3451	3:15am	6:30am	4, 5

SAIPAN-JEJU (CJU)

7C3433	3:55am	7:30am	3, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	5:20am	8:00am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:50am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:30am	7:50am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:10am	10:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	9:00am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:30am	Daily via GUM
PR1572	5:45am	7:45am	4, 7
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:30pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:50pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/193	1:30pm	11:10pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:30pm	2 via GUM
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:50pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA6390/193	2:20pm	11:10pm	2 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

UO43	1:40am	5:00am	1, 4, 6
HX077	2:15am	5:15am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ628/723	3:50am	12:50pm	Daily via ICN
PR1572/318	5:45am	12:20pm	4, 7 via MNL
UA6391/159	1:30pm	10:35pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA6390/159	2:20pm	10:35pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

LJ651	8:25am	1:45pm	Daily
ZE581	10:15am	3:35pm	Daily
7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
TW307	8:15pm	1:35am+1	Daily
OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:30am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	8:30pm	1:20am+1	6, 7
OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 6
7C3452	9:35pm	2:15am+1	3, 4

JEJU (CJU)-SAIPAN

7C3434	10:05pm	2:40am+1	2, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:50pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:30pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:30pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/6395	10:20pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
PR1571	10:25pm	4:45am+1	3, 6
UA184/6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/6395	11:55pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ724/627	2:20pm	2:50am+1	Daily via ICN
HX076	5:50pm	12:45am+1	3, 7
PR307/1571	6:20pm	4:45am+1	3, 6 via MNL
UO42	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6
UA116/6395	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, LJ Jin Air, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, ZE Eastar Jet, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The* Saipan Tribune *is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
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SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
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5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
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SPC hosts Fiji president at plant, tree gene bank

SUVA, Fiji—The Pacific Community hosted the President of Fiji, Jioji Konusi Konrote, at its Center for Pacific Crops and Trees facility in Narere last week.

The center is the Pacific's only internationally recognized gene bank and houses over 2,000 accessions, including the largest collection of taro diversity in the world.

Over the past 12 years, the center has distributed over 70,000 tissue culture derived plantlets to 51 countries, including 22 Pacific countries and territories.

The center also supported the Fiji government's response and recovery efforts by supplying planting material to the Ministry of Agriculture in the immediate aftermath of Tropical Cyclone Winston, which devastated the country last year.

During the brief tour of the facility, Konrote, who was accompanied by Fiji's roving ambassador and high commissioner to the Pacific Islands, Litia Mawi, had the opportunity to witness how the center conserves and provides access to the region's valuable plant genetic diversity.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The President of Fiji, Jioji Konusi Konrote, visits the Center for Pacific Crops and Trees facility in Narere last week.

"SPC is honored to host… President Konrote. Fiji is a valuable member of the organization and hosts the largest of SPC's regional campuses," Pacific Community director-general Dr Colin Tukuitonga said. "The center's location in Fiji ensures close engagement and collaboration with local stakeholders including Fiji's Ministries of Agriculture, Forests and Fisheries, Biosecurity Authority of Fiji for SPC's work in plant genetics, and support for research undertaken at the Koronivia Research Station."

SPC, through the center, also provides technical support to Fiji in relation to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, which contributes to sustainable food security.

In 2014 the center partnered with the government of Fiji and with Australian assistance to establish the Ministry of Agriculture's Plant Tissue Culture Lab at the Koronivia Research Station by providing planting material for climate change adaptation and mitigation.

Conservation is the core business of the center, which also maintains over a dozen culturally and economically important food crops including banana, breadfruit, cassava, sweet potato and yam.

Formerly known as the Regional Germplasm Center in 1998, CePaCT was established in 2007 with support from the government of Australia through the Australian Agency for International Development, the Australian Center for International Agricultural Research and the European Union. ***(SPC)***

ST. JUDE RENAL CARE FACILITY, INC.

Registered Nurses: (03)
- Must pass NCLEX-RN with current CNMI RN License
- Attended a hemodialysis training program
- Must hold a Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- One to two years hemodialysis experience or related field
- English language skills-proficient in verbal, written and comprehension
- Certification in Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
- In-service training with Baxter Phoenix machine
- Experience with Ameriwater bicarbonate distribution system

Hemodialysis Technicians: (4)
- Certificate from Junior College/Technician School in healthcare related field
- Attended a hemodialysis training program
- Three years hemodialysis experienced-preferred
- English language skills-proficient in spoken, written and comprehension
- Certification in Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
- Flexible with time schedule

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- Must be able to perform task which may at first glance not appear difficult but required a high degree of knowledge and experience to properly operate and maintain system
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- Be familiar with infection control of hemodialysis facilities, safety & life safety policies
- Pass the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency text for certified water treatment and distribution operators level II
- Understand the plumbing code and plumbing techniques
- Be able to demonstrate safe working techniques, proper plumbing techniques when working with pressure vessels
- Be able to demonstrate proper plumbing techniques especially when working with pvc
- To accept and perform all other duties as may be assigned

Building Maintenance and Repair: (03)
- Performs a variety of preventive maintenance and repair tasks on the facilities equipment, including some of the more complex repair tasks
- Performs preventive maintenance and makes routine repairs to electrical, plumbing and security systems
- Performs rough and finish carpentry work and takes the lead on projects such as building and paneling walls and petitions
- Installs solar panels with experience in the maintenance of pv models
- Maintains and repairs various equipment
- High school graduate or equivalent

Commercial Cleaners: (02)
- Operates various mechanized cleaning equipment, such as vacuums, buffers, etc.
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- Must be able to work flexible hours
- Must have own transportation

Interested applicant must submit resume or pick up application at St. Jude Renal Care Facility Inc. in Chalan Kiya, Saipan. Deadline to submit application will be on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. For more information, please call 234-2901 ext. 128.

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A Mandatory Pre-proposal Conference which will be held on Friday, March 10, 2017 at 10:00 am in the MVA main conference room.

Interested parties may pick up the scope of work at the **Marianas Visitors Authority** office between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except holidays or by visiting **MVA** website at www.mymarianas.com.

/s/ Marian Aldan-Pierce
MVA Chair, Board of Directors

/s/ Christopher Concepcion
Managing Director

STRATEGIC GAMING SOLUTIONS, INC.
is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following positions:

Finance Manager (1)
Bachelor degree in Accounting, Business Administration or related area. Three (3) or four (4) years experience in accounting, management of financial systems and budgets, financial reporting, financial data analysis and forecasting, auditing, taxation and providing financial advice preferably in the gaming industry. Must be extremely number-oriented and computer literate with superior spreadsheet skills, proficiency in SAP Accounting Software and Excel highly preferred.

Head Cook (1)
Must have a high school diploma or equivalent plus two (2) to three (3) years of work experience as a cook in a restaurant or hotel. Preferably with experience in Western, Japanese and Chinese cuisine. Must be willing to work shifts, holidays and weekends.

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Must have a high school diploma or equivalent plus two (2) years of work experience as a cook in a restaurant or hotel. Preferably with experience in Western, Japanese and Chinese cuisine. Must be willing to work shifts, holidays and weekends.

Food & Beverage Team Leader (1)
Must have a high school diploma or equivalent plus three (3) to five (5) years of work experience as a Food and Beverage Team Leader in a Hotel or Restaurant. Must have knowledge of Micros (POS) and is able to formulate systems and procedures for the operations of the Bar, Restaurant and Kitchen.

Interested applicants may pick up an application at our HR Office located within Kanoa Resort, Susupe Beach Road from Monday to Friday between the hour of 10:30am to 5:30pm. Applications must be supported with resume and certificates. Last day of submission of application is March 23, 2017.

Strategic Gaming Solutions, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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Bachelor's Degree with a minimum of five year experience is required. Must be knowledgeable in Peach Tree Accounting software and be able to work flexible hours with a valid Driver License. Salary will be based on qualifications and experience starting at $6.55.

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Saipan Adventures, Inc.
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Tour Sales Representative (11)

High School Diploma or GED with a minimum of six (6) months to one (1) year experience in travel or tour operation, sales or service related field. Able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Able to drive tourists safely through various tour routes. Fluent in both written and oral communication in the English and Chinese languages.

Interested applicants may send their resumes to savi_recruitment@tanholdings.com. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than 5:00PM on March 21, 2017. Applications for Employment are available at the Front Office of Century Tours Inc. located on the Ground Floor of Kanoa Resort, Beach Road, Susupe Village. Applicants must be able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

Saipan Adventures, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer
Qualified Women, Minorities, Veterans and Persons with Disabilities are urged to apply.

Century Tours, Inc.
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Tour Sales Representative (6)

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Business

Trump earned $153M and paid $36.5M in taxes in 2005

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Donald Trump earned $153 million and paid $36.5 million in income taxes in 2005, paying a roughly 25 percent effective tax rate thanks to a tax he has since sought to eliminate, according to highly sought-after tax documents disclosed Tuesday night.

The pages from Trump's federal tax return show the then-real estate mogul also reported a business loss of $103 million that year, although the documents don't provide detail. The forms show that Trump paid an effective tax rate of 24.5 percent, a figure well above the roughly 10 percent the average American taxpayer forks over each year, but below the 27.4 percent that taxpayers earning 1 million dollars a year average, according to data from the Congressional Joint Committee on Taxation.

The form were obtained by journalist David Cay Johnston, who runs a website called DCReport.org, and reported on MSNBC's "The Rachel Maddow Show." Johnston, who has long reported on tax issues, said he received the documents in the mail, unsolicited.

Trump's hefty business loss appears to be a continued benefit from his use of a tax loophole in the 1990s, which allowed him to deduct previous losses in future years. In 1995, Trump reported a loss of more than $900 million, largely as a result of financial turmoil at his casinos.

Tax records obtained by The New York Times last year showed the losses were so large they could have allowed Trump to avoid paying taxes for up to 18 years. But Trump's 2005 filing shows another tax prevented him from realizing the full benefit of those deductions.

The bulk of Trump's tax bill that year was due to the Alternative Minimum Tax, a tax aimed at preventing high-income earners from paying minimal taxes.

The AMT requires many taxpayers to calculate their taxes twice—once under the rules for regular income tax and then again under AMT—and then pay the higher amount. Critics say the tax has ensnared more middle-class people than intended, raising what they owe the federal government each year.

Were it not for the AMT, Trump would have avoided all but a few million dollars of his 2005 tax bill.

Trump's campaign website called for the end of the AMT, which is expected to bring in more than $350 billion in revenues from 2016 to 2025.

As a candidate and as president, Trump has refused to release his tax returns, breaking a decades-long tradition. Although he initially promised to do so, he later claimed he was under audit by the Internal Revenue Service and said his attorneys had advised against it—though experts and IRS officials said such audits don't bar taxpayers from releasing their returns.

The White House pushed back even before the release of the documents Tuesday night, saying that publishing the information was illegal.

"You know you are desperate for ratings when you are willing to violate the law to push a story about two pages of tax returns from over a decade ago," the White House said in a statement issued on condition that it be attributed to an anonymous official, although the president has decried the use of anonymous sources.

The unauthorized release or publishing of federal tax returns is a criminal offense, punishable by a fine of up to $5,000 and up to five years in jail. But Maddow argued that MSNBC was exercising its First Amendment right to publish information in the public interest.

Facing defiance, GOP leaders press ahead on health bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—Facing mounting rank-and-file defiance, Republican leaders and the White House redoubled their efforts Tuesday to muscle legislation overhauling America's health care system through Congress following a sobering report about millions being shoved off insurance coverage.

President Donald Trump, whose strong Election Day showing in GOP regions makes him the party's ultimate Capitol Hill vote wrangler, discussed the legislation by phone with the House's two top Republicans. He also dispatched Vice President Mike Pence and health secretary Tom Price to hear GOP senators' concerns.

With leaders hoping to move the measure through the House next week so the Senate can debate it, House Speaker Paul Ryan and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell acknowledged they were open to changes. Trump's spokesman affirmed a willingness to accept revisions to win support.

"This has never been a take it or leave it," said Press Secretary Sean Spicer.

The GOP bill is the party's response to seven years of promising to repeal President Barack Obama's 2010 health care overhaul. It would undo that law's individual mandate, which requires most people to have coverage, by ending the tax penalty on those who don't.

It would also provide age-based tax credits instead of the subsidies geared to income in Obama's statute, end that law's expansion of Medicaid and curb its future spending, and let insurers boost rates for seniors.

On Monday, the Congressional Budget Office said the Republican legislation would reduce the ranks of the insured by 24 million in a decade, largely by cutting Medicaid recipients and people buying individual policies. That would be more than the 20 million who've gained coverage under Obama's overhaul—and attach a big number to a problem haunting GOP governors and members of Congress whose states have benefited from "Obamacare."

"I plan to vote NO" on the GOP bill, tweeted Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla., among a mounting number of Republicans who expressed opposition following the report's release. "As written the plan leaves too many from my #So-Fla district uninsured."

The budget office report also said the measure would reduce federal deficits by $337 billion over the next decade, largely by cutting Medicaid, the health insurance program for the poor, and eliminating Obama's subsidies for low- and middle-income people. The report said that the bill's changes would result in federal subsidies that would fall to half their current size in a decade and that older, lower-earning people would be hit especially hard.

Those findings further energized Democrats, who already were unanimously opposing the GOP repeal effort.

"Of course you can have savings if you cut off millions of people from access to health care," said House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi of California.

Nation

Travel ban faces key test in multiple courtrooms

AP

Washington State Attorney General Bob Ferguson finishes a news conference about the state's response to President Trump's revised travel ban Thursday, March 9, 2017, in Seattle.

SEATTLE (AP)—President Donald Trump's revised travel ban will be scrutinized in federal courtrooms across the country on Wednesday—the day before it is supposed to go into effect.

More than a half-dozen states are trying to derail the executive order affecting travelers from six Muslim-majority nations.

Hawaii's lawsuit is heading to federal court in Honolulu, while Washington state, which successfully sued to block the original ban, wants its own hearing before a federal judge in Seattle. Five other states have joined Washington's challenge.

In Maryland, a U.S. judge will hear arguments from the American Civil Liberties Union and others who want to stop the new order.

Here's a look at what's going on and the hurdles the new ban faces:

BUSY DAY IN COURT

Hawaii will argue that the new order will harm its Muslim population, tourism and foreign students. Ismail Elshikh, a plaintiff in the lawsuit, said the ban will prevent his Syrian mother-in-law from visiting.

The federal government will argue that the allegations are pure speculation. Justice Department lawyers also say the president is authorized to restrict or suspend entry into the United States.

In Washington state, Attorney General Bob Ferguson is pushing for a hearing before Judge James Robart, who halted the original ban last month. Ferguson wants Robart, who has not yet scheduled a hearing, to apply the ruling to the new ban.

Ferguson says the new order is unconstitutional and harms residents, universities and businesses, especially tech companies such as Washington state-based Microsoft and Amazon who rely on foreign workers. California, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York and Oregon have joined the claim.

Immigrant advocacy groups and the ACLU are suing in Maryland. They will ask a judge there early Wednesday to issue an injunction, saying it's illegal to reduce the number of refugees in the middle of a fiscal year. The lawsuit is broader, but the ACLU expects a ruling on that part of the case even if other aspects of the ban are blocked elsewhere.

OLD VERSUS NEW BAN

Washington and Hawaii say the order is an effort to carry out the Muslim ban he promised during his campaign and is a violation of the First Amendment, which bars the government from favoring or disfavoring any religion. On that point, they say, the new ban is no different than the old.

They point to statements by Trump's advisers, including former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, who said Trump asked him how to implement a Muslim ban legally, and Stephen Miller, who said the revised order was designed to have "the same basic policy outcome" as the first.

The new version tries to erase the notion that it was designed to target Muslims by detailing more of a national security rationale. It is narrower and eases some concerns about violating the due process rights of travelers.

It applies only to new visas from Somalia, Iran, Syria, Sudan, Libya and Yemen and temporarily shuts down the U.S. refugee program. It does not apply to travelers who already have visas.

The states' First Amendment claim has not been resolved. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals refused to reinstate the original ban but didn't rule on the discrimination claim.

Some legal scholars have said the order does not apply to all Muslims or even all predominantly Muslim nations—a point 9th Circuit Judge Richard Clifton made during arguments in Washington's case.

DOES THE PRESIDENT HAVE THE AUTHORITY?

The administration says the travel ban is about national security. The revised order specifies that people from the listed countries "warrant additional scrutiny in connection with our immigration policies because the conditions in these countries present heightened threats."

But intelligence analysts at the Department of Homeland Security have questioned that rationale, concluding that citizenship is an "unlikely indicator" of terrorist ties.

In addition, the states and civil liberties groups say U.S. immigration law generally prohibits the government from discriminating based on nationality when issuing immigrant visas. The president cannot rewrite that law by executive order, the states say.

ARE THE STATES THE RIGHT ONES TO SUE?

Some legal scholars have questioned whether states have standing to bring their cases, citing limits the Supreme Court has placed on when states can sue the federal government.

Michael McConnell, a constitutional law professor at Stanford Law School, has said he is "highly skeptical" that states can sue over this issue.

The 9th Circuit panel found that Washington and Minnesota, which is part of the original lawsuit, did have standing, at least at that early stage. The judges noted that some people would not enroll in universities or join the faculty, causing real harm for the states.

Hawaii focuses on an additional aspect: the loss of tourism, and thus tax dollars, in the heavily travel-dependent state.

Asia

N. Korea threat looms over US envoy's trip

TOKYO (AP)—On his first trip to Asia as top U.S. diplomat, Rex Tillerson wants to forge cooperation with Japan, South Korea and China against the nuclear threat from North Korea and demonstrate "America First" does not mean a U.S. diplomatic retreat from the volatile region.

Tillerson will find shared anxiety at the North's saber-rattling but less agreement about how to deal with it, and unresolved questions about how the United States and China, the world's two largest economies, can manage growing differences.

Japan and South Korea, which host American troops and are already within range of North Korean missiles, support U.S. efforts to increase diplomatic and economic pressure on Pyongyang. The three navies were also conducting missile defense information-sharing drills Wednesday in seas east of the divided Korean Peninsula and north of Japan to promote interoperability, the U.S. Navy's 7th Fleet said.

But China remains conflicted about how to treat its traditional ally for fear of triggering its collapse.

Adding to the combustible mix of military tension and the region's historic rivalries is another factor - uncertainty about U.S. foreign policy under the Trump administration.

Tillerson, who arrives in Tokyo late Wednesday at the start of his four-day, three-nation tour, could provide some reassurance to nervy allies. He will meet Thursday with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida.

The former Exxon Mobil CEO has adopted a low profile during his six weeks as secretary of state. The State Department Correspondents' Association expressed disappointment Wednesday that Tillerson was traveling to Asia without a full contingent of the diplomatic press corps or even a pool reporter on his plane - although it is taking a reporter from the conservative-leaning website, the Independent Journal Review.

President Donald Trump's rise to power has raised anxiety in Asian capitals. During last year's election campaign, Trump asked whether allies like Japan and South Korea contribute enough for their own defense or should get their own nuclear weapons. He also questioned the fundamentals of four decades of U.S. diplomacy with China.

Trump has allayed some of those concerns since taking office. Trump hosted Abe at his Florida resort last month, and when Tillerson goes to Beijing Saturday, he is expected to arrange a much-anticipated visit by Chinese President Xi Jinping to the U.S.

"The U.S. allies, Japan and South Korea, want to know that the United States is going to continue to defend them but also is going to show a certain amount of finesse and diplomatic skills in dealing with China and with North Korea," said Robert Dujarric, the director of the Institute of Contemporary Asian Studies at Temple University's campus in Tokyo.

North Korea will be a top priority on all Tillerson's stops. The State Department says Tillerson wants to discuss "fresh" approaches. Administration officials say all options are on the table, including military ones, but signs are that the U.S. for starters wants to see rigorous implementation of existing sanctions against Pyongyang.

There appears to be little desire for now to negotiate with North Korea, unless it commits to denuclearization, which it shows no sign of doing.

The North conducted two nuclear tests and 24 ballistic missile tests last year, deepening concern in Washington that it could soon develop a nuclear-tipped missile capable of reaching the U.S. mainland—something Trump has vowed won't happen.

The U.S. is currently involved in annual military drills in South Korea that North Korea regards as rehearsal for invasion. In a show of defiance, the North fired four ballistic missiles into ocean off Japan last week. The next day, the U.S. began bringing in equip-

PH police face lawsuit campaign over drug killings

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A group of Philippine human rights lawyers filed murder complaints Tuesday against eight policemen accused of killing a father and his son last year at the start of a campaign to bring lawsuits against enforcers of the president's deadly anti-drug crackdown for alleged extrajudicial killings.

Lawyer Maria Kristina Conti said the murder complaints her group filed in behalf of Mary Ann Domingo against the policemen led by Superintendent Ali Jose Duterte will be followed by more lawsuits from families of poor victims of alleged extrajudicial killings under President Rodrigo Duterte's crackdown.

Domingo's husband and son were gunned down in their house in suburban Caloocan city in metropolitan Manila by the policemen in September in what they claimed was a gunbattle with drug suspects but which she said was a brazen rubout.

Several protesters, carrying placards that read: "Stop killing the poor," gathered outside the office of the government Ombudsman, who prosecutes officials accused of corruption and other crimes, as Domingo and her lawyers filed the complaints.

It's not immediately clear if Duterte, the police officer, is related to the president. Conti said her group, the National Union of People's Lawyers, did not pick the case to launch their campaign against extrajudicial killings because the main suspect was a namesake of the president.

"The filing of the charges against the policemen involved in the killing ... is just the beginning," Conti said. Other criminal cases would be filed "in coordination with community organizations and church groups as part of a mounting grassroots campaign against recent rampant human rights violations committed under the ambit of the government's so-called war against drugs."

More than 8,000 mostly small-time drug suspects have been gunned down by policemen and unidentified gunmen since Duterte launched his brutal campaign after taking office in June. Duterte has denied condoning unlawful killings but has repeatedly threatened drug suspects with death in public speeches.

Duterte has assured policemen he would defend them if they run into lawsuits while cracking down on illegal drugs.

World

SCOTTISH LEADER TO UK PREMIER:

Don't block independence vote

LONDON (AP)—The British and Scottish leaders traded barbs Tuesday over Scotland's desire to hold a vote on independence just as the U.K. is negotiating its exit from the European Union.

Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon says she intends to ask voters in late 2018 or early 2019 whether they want to leave the United Kingdom.

Britain decided in a 2016 referendum to quit the European Union after four decades of membership, but Scots voted strongly to remain. Sturgeon says Scotland must not be "taken down a path that we do not want to go down without a choice."

A European and British Union flags hang outside Europe House, the European Parliament's British offices, in London, Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

The British government must agree before Scotland can hold a legally binding referendum, and May condemned Sturgeon's push for an independence vote, accusing the Scottish leader of sowing uncertainty and division.

"This is not a moment to play politics or create uncertainty," May told lawmakers in the House of Commons. "It is a moment to bring our country together, to honor the will of the British people and to shape for them a better, brighter future and a better Britain."

Sturgeon warned May against trying to block a referendum. The first minister said "the referendum must be for Scotland's national legislature to shape."

"It should be up to the Scottish Parliament to determine the referendum's timing, franchise and the question," Sturgeon said. She plans to ask the Edinburgh-based legislature next week for the authority to seek a new referendum.

In a dig at May, Sturgeon tweeted that she had been elected "on a clear manifesto commitment" by her Scottish National Party to hold a referendum. She added: "The PM is not yet elected by anyone."

May took office through an internal Conservative Party process when predecessor David Cameron resigned after failing to convince voters to back remaining in the EU. Critics accuse May of lacking a strong popular mandate because she has not won an election as prime minister.

In a 2014 referendum, Scottish voters rejected independence by a margin of 55 percent to 45 percent. But Sturgeon said the U.K.'s decision to leave the EU had brought about a "material change of circumstances."

Sturgeon wants to put the independence question to Scottish voters before Britain completes its withdrawal from the EU, which will likely be in the first half of 2019.

She said it should be held "when the terms of Brexit are clear but before the U.K. leaves the European Union or shortly afterwards" so that Scottish voters have "a clear choice."

Somali pirates demand ransom for oil tanker, EU force says

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP)—Armed men are demanding a ransom for the release of an oil tanker they have seized off the coast of Somalia and the crew is being held captive, the European Union anti-piracy operation in the region announced late Tuesday.

An EU Naval Force statement said the operation had finally made contact with the ship's master, who confirmed that armed men were aboard the Comoros-flagged tanker Aris 13.

Monday's hijacking was the first such seizure of a large commercial vessel off Somalia since 2012. It came as a surprise to the global shipping industry as patrols by the navies of NATO countries, as well as China, India and Iran, had suppressed Somali pirate hijackings for several years.

However, the United Nations warned in October that the situation was fragile and that Somali pirates "possess the intent and capability to resume attacks." One expert said some in the region had let down their guard as the situation calmed. NATO ended its anti-piracy mission off Somalia in December.

A Somali pirate who said he was in touch with the armed men aboard the tanker said the amount of ransom to demand had not yet been decided.

Bile Hussein told The Associated Press that the armed men have locked most of the crew in one room and cut off communication lines. "Their main concern now is a possible rescue attempt, so that's why all communications were cut off in the afternoon," he said.

The Aris 13, manned by eight Sri Lankan sailors, was carrying fuel from Djibouti to Somalia's capital, Mogadishu, when it was approached by men in two skiffs, said John Steed, the director of Oceans Beyond Piracy. The EU statement said the ship's master issued a mayday alert.

An official in Somalia's semiautonomous state of Puntland said over two dozen men boarded the ship off the country's northern coast, an area known to be used by weapons smugglers and members of the al-Qaida-linked extremist group al-Shabab. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to journalists.

The ship was anchored Tuesday off the town of Alula, said Salad Nur, a local elder. "The ship is on the coast now and more armed men boarded the ship," he told the AP by phone.

The EU Naval Force said it had passed the information from its contact with the ship's master to the oil tanker's owners and an investigation was underway.

Life & Style

Alan Menken on cuts, adds and intimidating Emma Watson

AP

This image released by Disney shows Dan Stevens as The Beast, left, and Emma Watson as Belle in a live-action adaptation of the animated classic "Beauty and the Beast."

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Composer Alan Menken really wanted to include the song "If I Can't Love Her" in the new live-action "Beauty and the Beast."

The soaring ballad, sung by the Beast, was written for the Broadway musical as the closing number before intermission.

"It's a monumentally good song. But it is unique to the structure of a stage musical," Menken said recently. "I made a few attempts to go, 'well could it just be right there' and (lyricist) Tim Rice said to me, 'it would be like writing 'Don't Cry for Me Brazil.'"

So, on the cutting room floor it went, along with some of the other Broadway additions, like "Home" (although some of the music from that song does make it into the new film). Menken, who won Oscars for his "Beauty" score and also the song "Beauty and the Beast," knew that this ship was in the hands of director Bill Condon.

"I have to balance being the keeper of the flame of the original and the Broadway show and being an enthusiastic and supportive team member in bringing it into new territory," Menken said. "With 'Beauty' I was blessed to have Bill Condon ... He's smart, he loves musical theater and he loves 'Beauty and the Beast.'"

"Beauty" fans need not despair about too many changes, either—all of the songs written by Menken and Howard Ashman for the 1991 animated film are in this new version (out Friday), with a few tweaks and some newly unearthed Ashman lyrics, as well, that attentive listeners might notice in the songs "Gaston" and the closing version of "Beauty and the Beast." (Ashman died of complications from AIDS before the animated film was released.)

The cuts also made room for three new songs from Menken and Rice, including a more fitting ballad for the Beast, "Evermore," sung after he lets Belle go.

"We had these up numbers and the one ballad so we felt we could afford gentler or more anthem-ic moments," Menken said of the new songs. There's one for the household objects, "Days in the Sun," and one for Belle's father Maurice (Kevin Kline), "How Does a Moment Last Forever."

Menken loves different interpretations of his work. In his over 30-year career scoring some of the most iconic Disney soundtracks of all time, Menken has seen much of his work live on beyond the screen. He's had many of his projects adapted into Broadway musicals, including "The Little Mermaid" and "Aladdin," which are also on the docket for future live-action renderings.

"I think of myself as an architect," he said. "I design a structure and other people live in it."

It's one of the qualities that makes him such a skilled composer and songwriter.

"His music, I find, is very easy to sing because he's done all the work for you. You don't have to put anything on it. It's all there," Broadway vet Audra McDonald said. "He's one of those composers who can grab your heart with a melody, so much so that you don't even realize it because he's so simple about it. You don't realize that he's reaching in and taking your heart and ripping it out—or massaging it."

While much of the supporting cast had some Broadway experience, Menken acknowledges that leads Emma Watson and Dan Stevens were a bit green in that area.

"They both were a little deer-in-headlights," Menken said.

Watson, in particular needed space to find her own voice as Belle.

"I'm not used to being an intimidating presence, but I think the composer was a little scary to her so we made sure she had her own vocal coach," Menken said. "I stepped back, which was fine. The songs speak for themselves. I could always give my notes from a distance."

For what it's worth, Watson is now comfortable around Menken.

Menken might have a dozen things going on at any given time, but he can still sit down at a piano and launch into anything from his catalogue. You name a lyric and he'll finish it without pause. The impact of his work on generations of children is not lost on him. Now, in addition to a handful of ongoing projects, including international runs of many of his stage productions, Menken is gearing up to do it all over again and work on the live action "Little Mermaid" with Lin-Manuel Miranda (who he's known since Miranda was a child).

As for "Beauty"? "People are very grateful that we didn't screw it up," he laughs.

The legal dispute over release of Trump's taxes

NEW YORK (AP)—The release of two pages of President Donald Trump's 2005 tax returns has sparked a legal dispute, with the White House and a major television network squaring off over whether a law was broken.

The White House said MSNBC's publication of the pages Tuesday night violated a federal law that prohibits the unauthorized release of tax returns. But the cable network, which revealed the 1040 form on Rachel Maddow's show, claimed First Amendment privilege.

Trump refused to release his returns during the campaign, breaking a decades-long tradition.

The document revealed Tuesday showed Trump made more than $150 million in income in 2005 and paid $38 million in income taxes that year.

Here's a look at the law—and the emerging controversy:

FEDERAL LAW

Federal law makes it illegal to publish an unauthorized tax return or "return information." According to federal statute, any violation of the law "shall be a felony punishable by a fine in any amount not exceeding $5,000, or imprisonment of not more than 5 years, or both, together with the costs of prosecution."

That term "return information" not only applies to the amount of taxes paid, but also the amount of income, payments, receipts, deductions and other financial information that could be found on the forms.

But legal experts have said the way the returns were obtained matters.

If a media organization did not conspire to steal the material or get it from the government but simply received it from a private citizen, criminal liability would be less clear.

Maddow said Tuesday that the return was mailed anonymously to Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist David Cay Johnston, who said he received the document unsolicited, in the mail. Johnston then speculated on the show that the documents could have been mailed from Trump, a known leaker of information, or his associates since they appeared to paint the president in a favorable light.

A stamp reading "Client Copy" is visible on one of the two pages sent to Johnston.

THE WHITE HOUSE TAKE

A White House official released a statement in the minutes before Maddow's show aired, declaring "you know you are desperate for ratings when you are willing to violate the law to push a story about two pages of tax returns from over a decade ago."

The statement goes on to declare that the returns were "illegally published" and then claims, in a fit of Trumpian hyperbole, that it is "totally illegal to steal and publish tax returns." Trump, who is famously litigious, threatened lawsuits as recently as last October against women who came forward to accuse him of sexual harassment or misconduct, though he never followed through. It was not immediately clear if he would order a probe into the release of the 2005 returns.

MSNBC'S DEFENSE

Maddow, during her broadcast, declared the First Amendment allows journalists to publish tax returns. A similar defense was mounted by The Washington Post amid the 1971 publication of the Pentagon Papers, a classified study of the United States' involvement in the Vietnam War. The Post argued that the publication of the sensitive documents served an important public interest.

Editors at The New York Times made a nearly identical argument in October when one of their reporters was mailed Trump's 1995 returns. Dean Baquet, the paper's editor, had said he would risk jail to publish the returns. After the publication, the paper printed a statement that read, "Nothing could be more central to the First Amendment than our right to publish, and the public's right to know, important information about presidential candidates."

Those 1995 returns showed that Trump took a $916 million loss that year—so big he could have avoided paying federal income tax for years to come.

Cuaron wraps filming on 'Roma' in his native Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP)—For Oscar-winning director Alfonso Cuaron, returning to film in his native Mexico was an itch that took 16 years to finally scratch.

Ever since Cuaron found international success with the movie "Y Tu Mama Tambien," commitment after commitment, among them "Children of Men" and "Gravity," delayed his plans for a more personal project back home.

"Movies are like a cereal box - at the bottom there is the promise of a toy," Cuaron said Tuesday at a news conference in the Mexican capital, paraphrasing friend and colleague Guillermo del Toro to describe why he filmed his latest in Mexico.

"'Gravity' was that cereal box and I got that little toy, which usually leads to a bigger film with more production, with more stars," Cuaron told reporters. "But I decided to return to Mexico City to make this movie with the resources I had always dreamed about."

Cuaron has now wrapped shooting on "Roma," a 1970s period piece about a year in the life of a middle-class family that is infused by the director's experiences as a child and his Mexican identity.

"I can live abroad, but my head keeps thinking in Mexican, in 'chilango,'" Cuaron said, employing a local slang referring to denizens of the capital. "I am very much up on the happenings of my country, and I miss where I am from."

Cuaron, who kept quiet on details of the plot of "Roma," was accompanied by production designer Eugenio Caballero, who won an Academy Award for his work on "Pan's Labyrinth" and is art director for the new film.

Both thanked Mexico City authorities and apologized to locals for the inconvenience of several main streets being shut down. Among those was a thoroughfare where they recreated the 1971 Corpus Christi Massacre of dozens of student protesters by a paramilitary group known as "Los Halcones," or "The Hawks."

"We weren't thinking about this frivolously," Cuaron said. "We did this to re-create a historic moment in Mexicans' consciousness. ... For that very reason it was essential to film this scene where the events happened.

"By the nature of the project, being a period film, we had to close streets," Caballero said. "In addition to the support from the authorities, the people understood what the project was about and it was interesting to talk about that city for which many people were stirred by nostalgia."

Cuaron, whose credits also include "A Little Princess," ''Great Expectations" and "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban," will spend the rest of the year on post-production for "Roma" ahead of its expected premier in 2018.

STOLEN STRADIVARIUS AP

In this Wednesday, March 8, 2017 photo, Tatsuo Imaishi makes an adjustment on the Ames Stradivarius violin in New York. After a meticulous restoration that took more than a year, the Ames Stradivarius violin that was stolen from violinist Roman Totenberg is about to return to the stage. Violinist Mira Wang, a former student of Totenberg's, will play the instrument at a private concert in New York on March 13.

'I'm coming for you': Whoopi Goldberg blasts fake web story

NEW YORK (AP)—Whoopi Goldberg is blasting a fake-news website that ran a story she claims "endangered" her life.

The host of ABC's "The View" on Monday condemned a story that circulated last week falsely claiming that she said Navy SEAL widow Carryn Owens appeared at President Donald Trump's speech to Congress for the "attention."

Goldberg said this "horrible lie" jeopardized many great relationships she has with vets and their spouses and that it "endangered" her family's life and her own.

The Underground Report, which has removed the story, calls itself "a news and political satire web publication" reporting "often in semi-real or mostly fictitious ways."

Unsatisfied with that fine-print disclaimer, Goldberg vowed to take legal action against the Underground Report writer, warning, "I'm gonna get my lawyer and I'm coming for you."

'SNL' 'Weekend Update' segment gets summer prime-time run

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"Saturday Night Live" gets the summer off, but "Weekend Update" will keep the political satire coming in prime time.

NBC said Tuesday that four episodes of "Saturday Night Live: Weekend Update" will air at 9 p.m. Thursday starting Aug. 10.

Michael Che and Colin Jost, who anchor the segment, will be joined by other "SNL" cast members, the network said.

"Weekend Update" has ventured away from its late-night turf into prime time before, but political tumult makes it an especially ripe opportunity for the faux newscast.

"SNL" is enjoying a ratings bounce from milking President Donald Trump's election and the early days of his administration.

The season to date is the show's most-watched in 24 years, with viewership up 26 percent over last year and averaging 11 million weekly, NBC said.

Ben Affleck says he's finished alcohol addiction treatment

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Ben Affleck says he has recently completed treatment for alcohol addiction.

The actor and director said in a Facebook post Tuesday that it's the first of many steps toward a positive recovery.

He added that he wants to be the best father he can and show his kids there's no shame in getting help. He also thanked Jennifer Garner for supporting him and caring for their three kids.

Garner and Affleck have been separated since announcing their plans to divorce in 2015.

Affleck previously entered rehab for alcohol addiction in 2001.

Recently, he has stepped away from directing "The Batman" after almost a year in the job. He'll still star in the film as the titular crusader.

Dad's dumpster-diving habit causes his family concern

DEAR ABBY: I have an issue with my father and don't know where to turn. Dad is in his early 80s and—aside from poor eyesight—he's in good health. I'm concerned because he has developed an unusual habit. He likes to look through the dumpsters behind the grocery store.

Initially he told me it was to get old produce for compost in his garden. But I have learned that he eats some of the things he finds. I have tried telling him this is dangerous. He could cut himself digging through the trash or get food poisoning. He refuses to listen and insists that what he is doing is safe. (He is NOT forced to do this out of economic necessity. He has enough money to buy groceries.)

The situation has become critical because he is now planning to cook something he found in the dumpster for a family gathering. I told him not to do it. If he does prepare food from the trash, I told him he must let people know where it came from, so they can make an informed decision about whether to eat it. Abby, please help.

GROSSED OUT

DEAR GROSSED OUT: If you can't convince your father to disclose to relatives that the food he's serving may have come from a dumpster, YOU should alert them to that possibility.

P.S. A worldwide trend I heard about recently is something called "freeganism." (The term is derived from a cross between "free" and "vegan.") Freegans "rescue" food from behind markets to share among themselves to combat food waste, and in Paris, France, there's even a restaurant that serves food procured this way for a reduced fee.

Caveat emptor: People who consume this food should be aware that the food may be past its nutritional peak, and they may risk a food-borne illness if it wasn't stored properly.

DEAR ABBY: My 9-year-old daughter has several friends whom we love and who are good buddies for her. However, the rules in their homes are different from those at ours. One friend in particular, "Sarah," eats a lot of junk food and watches more TV than we allow. When my daughter asks why she can't have chips and ice cream after school, or why we watch movies only on weekends, I remind her that good food and exercise make her healthy, and with less TV she does better in school.

I'm not interested in critiquing Sarah or her family, who are lovely people we really like. However, I do want to make the connection between unhealthy lifestyle choices and possible consequences because this is a subject we'll keep revisiting as my daughter grows up.

I have been trying to say things like, "Everyone makes their own decisions. This is why we do it this way," but at 9, my daughter sees things as pretty black or white. If our way is right, then their way must be wrong. I'm totally failing at subtlety. Is there a better approach that I could take to talking about this without invoking comparisons?

LIFESTYLE CHOICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA

DEAR LIFESTYLE CHOICES: Do not attempt to debate this with your 9-year-old. If your daughter argues with you about your parenting style, tell her that different families have different standards and that you are doing what you think is right for yours. Period. If she needs more of an explanation, then fall back on the message you have been sending her, and in time she will understand.

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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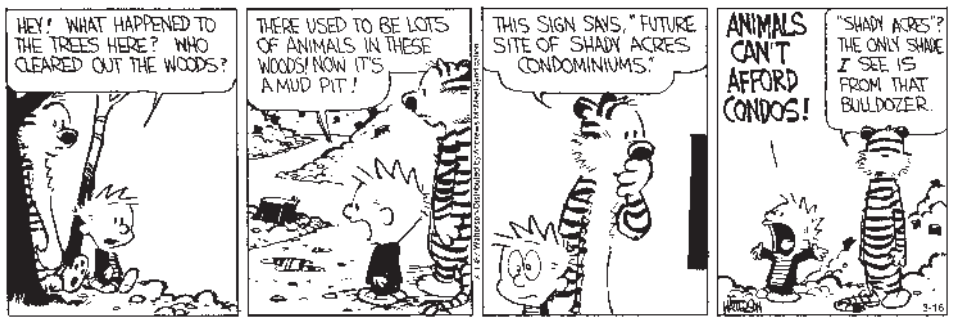
By Bill Waterson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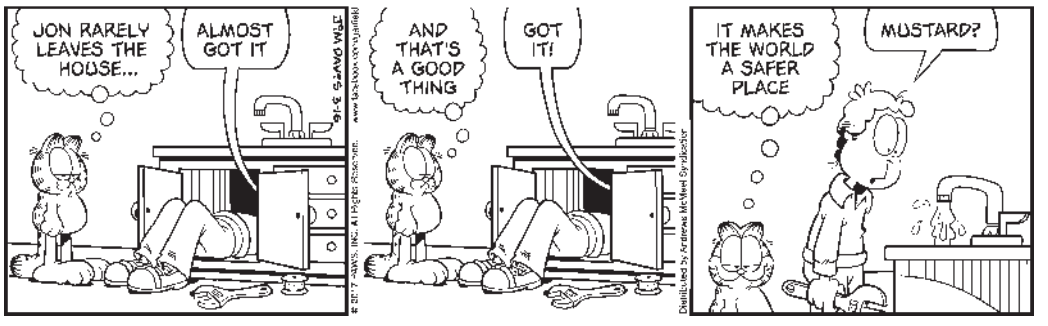

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

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SOME INNER DIALOGUES SHOULD STAY INNER.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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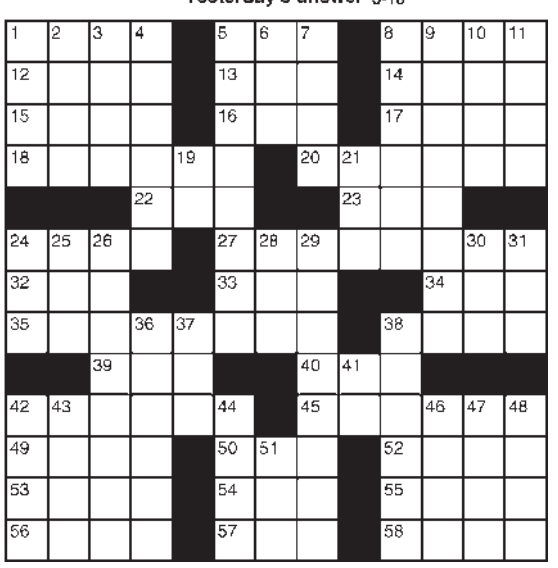
Yesterday's answer 3-16



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Judah Friedlander, 48; Lauren Graham, 50; Victor Garber, 68; Jerry Lewis, 91.

Happy Birthday: Use your instincts to help you make important decisions that will influence your life. Knowing when to take action and how to do so quickly will make a difference when dealing with contractual, medical and financial issues this year. Refuse to bend under pressure or second-guess your gut feelings. Trust in yourself and your ability to make a difference. Your numbers are 8, 15, 24, 27, 32, 38, 44.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19)*: Look carefully at your relationships with others and you will recognize that you have to treat each person in your life differently. A partnership with someone you feel passionately about can be taken to the next level. Plan for the future. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20)*: Show passion and share your thoughts, but allow others the right to an opinion as well. There will be no room for acrimony if you want to resolve pending problems. Good fortune comes from doing the right thing at the right moment. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20)*: An innovative approach to what you want to see transpire will help you bypass more traditional methods. Participate in order to observe, not to air your personal thoughts. Secrecy will protect you from criticism and charm will help you gain support. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22)*: Don't feel the need to follow protocol if you have something that you feel will work better, but be willing to let others have a say in how you tweak your plans. Balance and integrity will be your keys to success. ✪✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22)*: Stay focused on what needs to be done. Look over your expenditures and consider what you need to do to better promote your talents, goals and popularity. Learn from past mistakes and you will make better choices. ✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)*: Partnerships are favored. Network, listen and challenge what others have to contribute. The outcome will be good if you are willing to accept a little criticism along the way to achieving your goals. Avoid risky financial dealings. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)*: Use your insight and you will come up with a workable plan. The best way to deal with domestic and personal situations is to listen, assess and offer suggestions that give everyone a fair chance to take part in the outcome. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)*: Observe what others are doing but don't follow. Stay focused on what you like to do and feel will bring the greatest impact to whatever situation you face. Engage in projects that will encourage mental, physical and emotional stimulation. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)*: Live and learn. Don't take anything or anyone for granted. Know what and who you are dealing with and implement the changes that will help you get past any negativity you face. Trust in yourself. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)*: Bring about changes that are not only in your best interest, but will serve those you work with as well. Physical action will result in improved mood and health. See matters through to the end. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)*: Emotional tension will mount if you don't keep busy. Look inward and make personal alterations that improve the way you look and how you do things. Don't let anyone bait you into an argument. ✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20)*: No matter who stands in your way or tries to deny you the right to follow your heart, show strength and refuse to let insecurity set in. Step forward and do your own thing. Your success will come from persistence. ✪✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are perceptive, secretive and possessive. You are intense and passionate.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

			1	9	8			
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Difficulty Level ★★★ 3/16

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

8	5	1	6	4	9	7	3	2
6	7	9	3	2	8	5	4	1
4	3	2	7	1	5	6	8	9
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Difficulty level ★★★ 3/15

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

TABLE CHARGERS Solution: 11 letters

R	P	A	N	T	I	Q	U	E	T	A	L	P	P	D
H	E	C	R	E	P	P	O	C	L	A	S	L	L	S
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T	A	S	O	N	R	G	R	D	G	I	Z	T	Ⓑ	T
O	L	R	E	M	U	L	U	N	C	H	E	A	Ⓐ	E
N	I	R	K	M	E	O	I	L	R	C	D	N	Ⓢ	P
E	Z	L	O	D	B	T	R	P	A	R	T	I	Ⓔ	S
S	E	W	O	L	A	O	A	A	E	R	A	U	Q	S
R	R	O	C	E	D	T	S	L	R	E	V	L	I	S
U	W	B	S	S	A	R	B	S	L	A	T	E	M	A
O	E	T	T	E	U	Q	I	T	E	I	E	C	A	L
C	U	T	L	E	R	Y	B	E	A	D	C	E	S	G

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Yesterday's Answer: Levi's

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2 Maintenance & Repair Worker, minimum wage. Mail resume to Elliot System, LLC at P.O. Box 5568 Saipan, MP 96950.

1 Operations Manager. Bachelor's degree and at least 5 years experience in construction industry required.
1 Construction/Maintenance worker. Extensive knowledge in masonry, plumbing, electrical and carpentry work. Can read blue print and can work w/o supervision. Able to lift heavy blocks and flexible in work schedule. Send resume to P.O. Box 503317 Saipan or email to noel96950@yahoo.com. GMA Corp.

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1 Cook (Korean cuisine): $6.55-$7.05/hr. At least 2 years' professional cooking experience in Korean cuisine required. Email resume to kl@hanmisaipan.com.

1 Accountant, 2 Maids & Housekeeping Cleaner, 1 Plumber, 2 General Maintenance & Repair Worker, 1 Carpenter, minimum salary. Please mail resume to Life Care Center International Inc. P.O. Box 505478, Saipan MP 96950 or call 670-288-6903/04 look for Robert.

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1 Accountant: $1,200-$1,800/mo. Bachelor's degree in accounting and least 2 years experience required. Public accounting experience required. Email resume to hps@hanmisaipan.com.

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3 Cook (Korean cuisine): $6.55-$7.05/hr. At least 2 years of professional cooking experience in Korean cuisine required.
2 Waiter/Waitress: $6.55-$7.05/hr. At least 1 year's experience required. Email resume to wing@hanmisaipan.com.

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3 Cook (Korean cuisine): $6.55-$7.05/hr. At least 2 years of professional cooking experience in Korean cuisine required.
4 Waiter/Waitress: $6.55-$7.05/hr. At least 1 year's experience required. Email resume to yul@hanmisaipan.com.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
D&W ENTERPRISES, INC.

ACCOUNTANT (1)
- Prepare, examine and analyze accounting records, financial statements, and other financial reports to assess accuracy, completeness and conformance to reporting and procedural standards.
- Compute taxes owed and prepare tax returns ensuring compliance with payment, reporting and other tax requirements.
- Analyze business operations, trends, costs, revenues, financial commitments and obligations to project futures revenues and expenses
- Report to management regarding the finances of the company
- Established tables of accounts, and assign entries to proper accounts;
- Maintain and analyze budgets preparing monthly profit & loss reports;
- Develop, implement, modify and document record keeping and accounting system
- Prepares payroll
- Prepare and reconcile Bank Statement;
- And perform other related duties as required

Bachelor's Degree in Accounting with 5 years progressive experience, Familiar with petroleum Industry activities. Must have good communication skills and can do multitasking. Organized, self-motivated, responsible and able to manage deadlines. Proficient in Peachtree, Excel and MS Word software.

DIESEL TANK TRUCK DRIVER (1)
- Operates commercial motor vehicle that transports hazardous materials such as petroleum diesel
- Read tank truck gauges or meter; handle sales, respond incase of spillage and emergency;
- Repair and maintain tank truck to assure good condition; monitor the under chassis parts; procedures, electrical circuits and lightings, must observe in route security.

Must have 5 years experience as Hazmat Tank truck Driver, Hazmat Training Certificate is required. Familiar in handling Hazmat Materials and Dangerous goods. Commercial Driver's Health Certificate is required. Must possess a current and valid CNMI driver's license and not disqualified to drive a motor vehicle and Court/Police Clearance is required.

Interested applicants must submit an application or resume at our office, located in Industrial Drive, Lower Base or send an email to wushin2@pticom.com.

D&W Enterprises, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer and has a drug free work environment. Pre-employment drug testing may be required.

CHONG'S CORPORATION
Job Vacancy Announcement

Five (5) TECHNICIANS-AIR CONDITIONING & REFRIGERATION
- Install, service and repair of Central Air-Conditioning, Refrigeration and Ventilation Systems
- Repair and service of Chilled Water Air-Conditioning System
- Perform repair and trouble analysis of VAV and VVT Control Systems
- Perform Computer based Control System

Other requirements:
- Minimum 5-year work experience required
- EPA Section 608 (Certification required)
- Maintenance Technician & Electrical Safety Course in accordance with 29CFR 1910 Standard (Preferable)
- Must possess good communication skill

One (1) HEAD TECHNICIAN-AIR CONDITIONING & REFRIGERATION
- Read and interpret blueprints, technical drawings, schematics and computer-generated reports
- Establish and coordinate maintenance and safety procedures, service schedule and supply of materials required to maintain equipment
- Oversee installation, operation, maintenance and repair to ensure equipment are functioning according to specifications
- Install, service and repair of Central Air-Conditioning, Refrigeration and Ventilation Systems
- Repair and service of Chilled Water Air-Conditioning System
- Perform repair and trouble analysis of VAV and VVT Control Systems
- Perform Computer based Control System

Other requirements:
- Minimum 5-year work experience required
- 4-year Bachelor of Science degree from reputable College or University
- EPA Section 608 (Certification required)
- Must possess good communication skill

Two (2) SHEET METAL WORKERS
- Fabricate and install sheet metal & fiberglass products & equipment such as ducts, control boxes, drain pipes & furnace casings
- Set-up and operate fabricating equipment and machines, soldering and welding equipment
- Must be knowledgeable in interpreting plans and specifications
- Preferably knowledgeable in duct size calculation
- Minimum 5-year work experience required
- Must possess good communication skill

One (1) HVAC/R SALES REPRESENTATIVE
- Knowledgeable of HVAC-R Equipment and Parts sale
- Knowledgeable of product selection, listing of order and inventory
- Must be proficient on Computer Software such as Peachtree Accounting System, MS Excel and MS Word
- Minimum 5-year work experience required

E-mail resume to chongs@pticom.com

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Interested applicants may send their applications to recruitment@poiaviation.com. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than March 23, 2017. Applications for employment are available at the Human Resources Department. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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Airport Service Supervisor (2)
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Interested applicants may send their applications to recruitment@poiaviation.com. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than March 22, 2017. Applications for employment are available at the Human Resources Department located at the POI Aviation Building on International Terminal LP, Saipan International Airport. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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REQ Day & Night Child Care
Job Vacancy Announcement

(5) Day Care Workers
- CCDF or DCCA Certification Required
- Willing to work flexible hours
- Must be reliable
- Medical Background is a plus
- Three years' experience in Child Care

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- BSE/ED Graduate
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Century Tours, Inc.
invites qualified U.S. worker candidates to apply for the following positions:

Tour Guide (1)
High School Diploma or GED with a minimum of six (6) months to one (1) year experience in travel or tour operation, sales or service related field. Able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Able to drive tourists safely through various tour routes. Fluent in both written and oral communication in the English and Chinese languages.

Interested applicants may send their resumes to ceti_recruitment@tanholdings.com. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than 5:00PM on March 20, 2017. Applications for Employment are available at the Front Office of Century Tours Inc. located on the Ground Floor of Kanoa Resort, Beach Road, Susupe Village. Applicants must be able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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Charms Inc.
Job Vacancy Announcement

(1) Engine Marine Mechanic
• Must have 2 years experience and able to inspect, repair, replace engine and machinery

(1) Beautician Manager
• Must have 2 years experience, knowledgeable in Skin Care and manage/operate a salon

(3) Beautician
• Must have 3 years experience, knowledgeable in all salon services.

Interested applicants, please call 233-9391 or submit resume to P.O. Box 503332, Saipan MP 96950

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
WINCHELL'S DONUTS

1 vacancy for **Store Manager**. Wage per hour depends on qualifications. Must be college level and has at least 2 years of continued experience in managing bakery operations; must have knowledge in operating cash register or POS system; must be customer-service oriented, computer literate and confident in doing basic mathematical skills. Capability of conversing in basic Japanese or other foreign languages is highly preferred.

4 vacancies for **Donut Makers / Bakers**. Wage ranges from $6.55/hr to $7.70/hr. Must be a high school graduate with an equivalent of at least 4 years experience in baking; must be able to read, write and speak basic English; must be capable of lifting at least 50lbs and has basic mathematical skills and knowledge in operating a cash register or POS system. Capability of conversing in basic Japanese and other foreign languages is highly preferred.

Additional requirements: All applicants must be of good health with good moral character. Must be able to follow grooming standards; provide current police/court clearance and health certificate. Must have reliable transportation and must undergo a drug test.

Please email your resume to jobapplicant2014@gmail.com

JVA for MISA ENTERPRISES,INC.

General Maintenance (2): Duties may involve skills in electrical, plumbing, carpentry, masonry, painting, landscape or maintain grounds of property using hand or power tools or equipment. Can typically perform variety of task such as sod laying, mowing, trimming, planting, watering, fertilizing, digging, raking and installing, repairing buildings, floors or stairs.

Additional Requirements: Must have a valid CNMI driver's license and flexible in work hours. All applicants must be of good health and good moral character must be able to provide current police clearance, with reliable transportation and must agree to drug test.

Applicants of position listed above are required to have a minimum of 2-3 years of experience.

We are an equal opportunity employer. Qualified applicants will be considered.

Applications can be picked up at Kinpachi Restaurant MISA Bldg.1 in Coral Tree Avenue, Garapan. Please no phone calls.

Workforce Solution, Inc. is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following positions:

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Bachelor degree in Accounting, Business Administration or related area. Three (3) or four (4) years experience in accounting, management of financial systems and budgets, financial reporting, financial data analysis and forecasting, auditing, taxation and providing financial advice preferably in the gaming industry. Must be extremely number-oriented and computer literate with superior spreadsheet skills, proficiency in SAP Accounting Software and Excel highly preferred.

General Manager (1)
College graduate in Business Management plus ten (10) years casino management experience and five (5) years as a Casino Manager. Knowledge in financial management, forecasting and budgeting, strategic planning, marketing brand reinforcement, networking and stakeholder communication skills.

Cook (1)
Must have a high school diploma or equivalent plus two (2) years of work experience as a cook in a restaurant or hotel. Preferably with experience in Western, Japanese and Chinese cuisine. Must be willing to work shifts, holidays and weekends.

Administrative Accounting Clerk (1)
Bachelor degree in Accounting plus two (2) to three (3) years accounting experience. Must be familiar with SAP and Excel.

Food and Beverage Manager (1)
Degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management, business administration or other 4-year college equivalent plus three (3) to four (4) years experience in restaurant, bar business and food handling. Knowledge and experience in strategic planning, workforce planning, performance management and alignment, highly motivated, organized, outgoing with excellent communication and leadership skills.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at Human Resources Office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than **5:00pm, Friday, March 23, 2017.**

Workforce Solutions, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Qualified women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
WUSHIN CORPORATION

ACCOUNTANT (1)
- Prepare, examine and analyze accounting records, financial statements, and other financial reports to assess accuracy, completeness and conformance to reporting and procedural standards.
- Compute taxes owed and prepare tax returns ensuring compliance with payment, reporting and other tax requirements.
- Analyze business operations, trends, costs, revenues, financial commitments and obligations to project futures revenues and expenses
- Report to management regarding the finances of the company
- Established tables of accounts, and assign entries to proper accounts;
- Maintain and analyze budgets preparing monthly profit & loss reports;
- Develop, implement, modify and document record keeping and accounting system
- Prepares payroll
- Prepare and reconcile Bank Statement;
- And perform other related duties as required

Bachelor's Degree in Accounting with 5 years progressive experience, Familiar with petroleum Industry activities. Must have good communication skills and can do multitasking. Organized, self-motivated, responsible and able to manage deadlines. Proficient in Peachtree, Excel and MS Word software.

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Warriors hold off Sixers to snap three-game skid

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Stephen Curry scored 29 points on his 29th birthday, Klay Thompson added 28 and the Golden State Warriors used a frenetic fourth-quarter rally to snap a three-game skid and beat the Philadelphia 76ers 106-104 on Tuesday night.

Dario Saric intentionally missed his second free throw with 2.6 seconds remaining to try to give the Sixers one last shot, but Curry secured the ball.

Curry struggled to knock down open 3-pointers again but came through from deep with 5:38 left and again with a key baseline 3 at 3:42. Matt Barnes hit one a minute later from the opposite corner for a 104-99 lead.

Curry's jumper with 9:55 to play pulled the Warriors within 90-86 after Golden State trailed 90-78 to begin the final quarter. Draymond Green's 3 at 8:04 made it a one-point game, and Shaun Livingston gave Golden State the lead the next time down.

Green had 20 points, eight assists, eight rebounds and six blocks for the Warriors, who trailed by as many as 16 in the third.

Saric had 25 points in the Sixers' eighth straight loss to Golden State. The Warriors' winning streak in the series matches their longest ever, along with a stretch from Dec. 16, 1971, to March 11, '73.

Curry shot just 8 for 23 and 5 of 13 from 3-point range, making him 26 for 89 from deep in his past eight games.

Earlier in the day, he refused to call his shooting of late a slump, and coach Steve Kerr insists nobody can expect the two-time reigning MVP to match his NBA-record 402 3s last season.

"I never really use that word, because a slump to me almost (seems) like you're losing confidence," Curry said.

The Warriors returned to the Bay Area following a brutal road stretch - which included losing Kevin Durant to a sprained left knee - and barely bounced back to avoid their first four-game losing streak since Feb. 26, 2013, to March 2, '13.

Golden State moved a half-game ahead of the idle Spurs for the top spot in the Western Conference.

AP

Philadelphia 76ers' Richaun Holmes, left, Dario Saric (9) and TJ McConnell (1) guard Golden State Warriors' Stephen Curry (30) during the second half of an NBA basketball game Tuesday, March 14, 2017, in Oakland, Calif.

James picked up his 10th triple-double of the season and third in the last four games at the 3:45 mark of the third quarter. In only 28 minutes, the four-time MVP finished with 16 points, 11 rebounds and 12 assists.

Cleveland had lost four of five, but James helped them cruise in this one. He even overpowered a teammate at one point, flattening Irving while grabbing a rebound in the third quarter. James helped Irving to his feet then dribbled the ball up the floor.

Cleveland's hot shooting buried Detroit early. The Cavaliers made their first 10 3-pointers and started by hitting 22 of 25 shots for a 60-33 lead early in the second quarter.

Thunder 122, Nets 104

In New York, Russell Westbrook had 25 points, 19 assists and 12 rebounds in his 33rd triple-double of the season, and Oklahoma City beat Brooklyn.

Westbrook shot just 6 of 18 from the field after scoring 40 or more points in five of his previous eight games, but as usual he was the dominant player on the floor even when his shot didn't fall.

He was loudly cheered throughout the night by what appeared a full and lively crowd despite a winter storm that pounded New York on Tuesday, and the fans roared when he grabbed his 10th rebound with just under five minutes to play for the 70th triple-double of his career.

Victor Oladipo added 21 points for the Thunder, who won their third straight game. Enes Kanter had 17 points and Brooklyn native Taj Gibson finished with 17 points and eight rebounds.

Brook Lopez scored 25 points and Jeremy Lin had 24 for the Nets, who failed in their attempt to win consecutive games for the first time this season.

Knicks 87, Pacers 81

In New York, Carmelo Anthony scored 15 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter, Derrick Rose added 16 points and New York overcame a 13-point third-quarter deficit to beat Indiana.

Knicks forward Kristaps Porzingis exited in the third quarter with a left leg injury. Rookie Willy Hernangomez entered in his place and had 13 points and 16 rebounds.

New York had lost its last three games. Anthony also had 13 rebounds.

Paul George scored 22 points for the Pacers, who failed to build on their sixth-place lead in the Eastern Conference. Myles Turner had 17 points and 12 rebounds.

The Knicks trailed 59-46 with 9:07 left in the third after Turner's basket but closed out the quarter on an 18-3 run, capped by Anthony's 3-pointer that gave New York a 64-62 lead with 52 seconds left.

Pelicans 100, Trail Blazer 77

In New York, DeMarcus Cousins scored 22 points, Anthony Davis had 15 points and 15 rebounds and New Orleans beat Portland.

Cousins had nine rebounds and three assists. He made 9 of 17 2-point shots but missed all five of his 3-point attempts.

Jordan Crawford had 13 points and scored in double figures for the fourth tihme in four games since being signed to a 10-day contract March 5. Solomon Hill scored 12 points, E'Twaun Moore had 11 and Jrue Holiday 10.

Damian Lillard scored 29 points to lead Portland, which lost for the second time in its last seven games. Shabazz Napier came off the bench to score 10 points.

Cavaliers 128, Pistons 96

In Cleveland, LeBron James got his 52nd career triple-double, Kyrie Irving scored 26 points and Cleveland used a blazing start to overpower Detroit.

Happy Harden has Houston Rockets surging toward postseason

HOUSTON (AP)—Ask James Harden about how happy he is running coach Mike D'Antoni's offense and a smile spreads across his face before the sentence is done.

Harden has shaken off the disappointment of last season to thrive under D'Antoni and become a leading candidate for league MVP. His performance has the Houston Rockets thinking this could be the year they contend for a title.

The Rockets are third in the Western Conference with less than a month left in the regular season and on the cusp of securing their fifth straight playoff berth.

"We're all in a good place right now and we're for each other," Harden said. "So just ride this momentum into the postseason."

Harden knew all about what D'Antoni did with the Phoenix Suns teams led by Steve Nash, and couldn't wait to see how his up-tempo offense would translate in Houston. So far things have exceeded even the high expectations Harden had.

"Yeah, especially when you've got guys that are encouraging you, that are having just as much fun as you and you're all playing together," he said. "That makes it exciting."

Harden had 38 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds on Sunday night in a win over the Cleveland Cavaliers to outshine LeBron James and collect his 16th triple-double this season. His 29.1 points a game rank third in the NBA and in his first season as the team's point guard he leads the league by averaging 11.2 assists. Harden's 216 3-pointers are second in the NBA and lead a 3-point crazy team that is first in the league with 983so far this season.

Harden has had some great seasons before this one, but having the ball in his hands on every play as the point guard has taken things to another level. But he knows he must do even more for the Rockets to have a shot at their first title since they won back to back championships in 1994 and 1995.

"I can always improve," he said. "We can always improve as a team and we will."

Much is made about Harden being a good fit for D'Antoni, especially after coach Kevin McHale was fired last year after just 11 games and the Rockets were ousted from the playoffs by Golden State in the first round. But Houston's first-year coach might be even more thrilled that he has a talent like Harden to implement his offensive vision.

"The system only works if you have good players, and he's probably the best in the league," D'Antoni said. "So that makes it easy. You'd have to be an imbecile not to be able to come up with something that makes him look good."

D'Antoni has not only been impressed with Harden's play, but also with how he's embraced his role as this team's undisputed leader this season with Dwight Howard gone to Atlanta.

"He's very coachable and he took to the point guard role," D'Antoni said. "He wanted to be a point guard. Not just in name, but he does everything on and off the court that point guards need to do. It's been great."

Harden's scoring is on par with his work from last season, but his rebounding and assists have both taken significant jumps. He finished last season averaging 6.1 rebounds and is averaging 7.9 this year and his league-leading assist average is up from just 7.5 a year ago.

Obviously, his assists have been helped by his move to point guard, but he gives a lot of credit to new teammates Eric Gordon and Ryan Anderson and their shooting abilities. Gordon ranks third in the NBA with 210 3-pointers and Anderson has added 179.

Harden leads the league by making 66.9 passes a game and his assist points created are 27.3, best in the league.

He said he loves how the team has come together. As good as the Rockets have been this season, Harden is confident that they can take things up a notch in the postseason.

"We can be better—on both ends of the floor, too," Harden said. "That's what's pretty scary."

Balanced K-State beats Wake Forest 95-88 in First Four

DAYTON, Ohio (AP)—After finally making it into the NCAA Tournament with its offensive balance, Kansas State showcased its array of scorers in the First Four.

Kamau Stokes scored 19 of his 22 points in the second half of a wide-open game on Tuesday night, and the Wildcats' versatility was the difference as they pulled away to a 95-88 victory over Wake Forest.

Eleventh-seeded K-State (21-13) got its first NCAA Tournament win in five years and a trip to play No. 6 Cincinnati on Friday in Sacramento as part of the South Regional. The Bearcats are known for their tight defense.

"It's a good matchup for us," said Wesley Iwundu , who had 24 points. "You know they're a tough team, but we're down for any challenge. We're the underdogs now but we like being the underdogs."

In a matchup of two versatile offenses, the Wildcats had the most options and hot shooters. Four players finished in double figures—their season norm—as the Wildcats shot a season-high 66 percent from the field against a team they had never faced.

"Now you're playing somebody new and maybe you can get some of the little looks that you haven't gotten in probably like the last six weeks," coach Bruce Weber said.

AP
Kansas State's Wesley Iwundu (25) shoots against Wake Forest's John Collins (20) in the second half of a First Four game of the NCAA college basketball tournament, Tuesday, March 14, 2017, in Dayton, Ohio.

Stokes missed three of his four shots in the first half, but found his touch right away after the break, hitting a pair of quick 3s.

"I think he just needed to shake off his jitters in the first NCAA Tournament game," Iwundu said. "But in the second half, he got back to doing what he does best, hitting some big shots."

Wake Forest (19-14) couldn't keep up during its first NCAA Tournament game in seven years. The Demon Deacons scored 90 points nine times during the season, but couldn't match the Wildcats.

"We came close and then we let them build another lead," said John Collins, who had 26 points and nine rebounds. "So I think it was kind of a trend."

It was a breakthrough season for the Demon Deacons in coach Danny Manning's third season. He led Kansas to the 1988 national championship—Danny and The Miracles, as they're known—by beating K-State along the way. And now he had the Demon Deacons back in the tournament for the first time in seven years.

"For us, it's been a long, eventful season," Manning said.

BIG PICTURE

Kansas State: The Wildcats repeatedly made clutch shots to hold onto the lead down the stretch. After falling behind by 10 points, Wake Forest got the lead within three points 11 times, but K-State always matched it. The Demon Deacons overcame double-digit deficits to win their last three regular-season games, but couldn't do it in the tournament.

Wake Forest: The Demon Deacons shot only 36 percent from the field in the first half and had more turnovers (nine) than field goals (eight), forcing them to play from behind.

WHERE'S THE DEFENSE?

Both teams went through long stretches without missing a shot in the second half. Kansas State made its first five shots and six of seven, while Wake Forest made seven in a row over one stretch. Many of the shots were wide-open.

GETTING TO THE LINE

The teams combined for 51 fouls and 68 free throws, with things working out almost evenly. Kansas State went 27 of 36 from the line, while Wake Forest was 29 of 32. K-State's 27 points off free throws were a season high.

Mount St. Mary's beats New Orleans 67-66 to open First Four

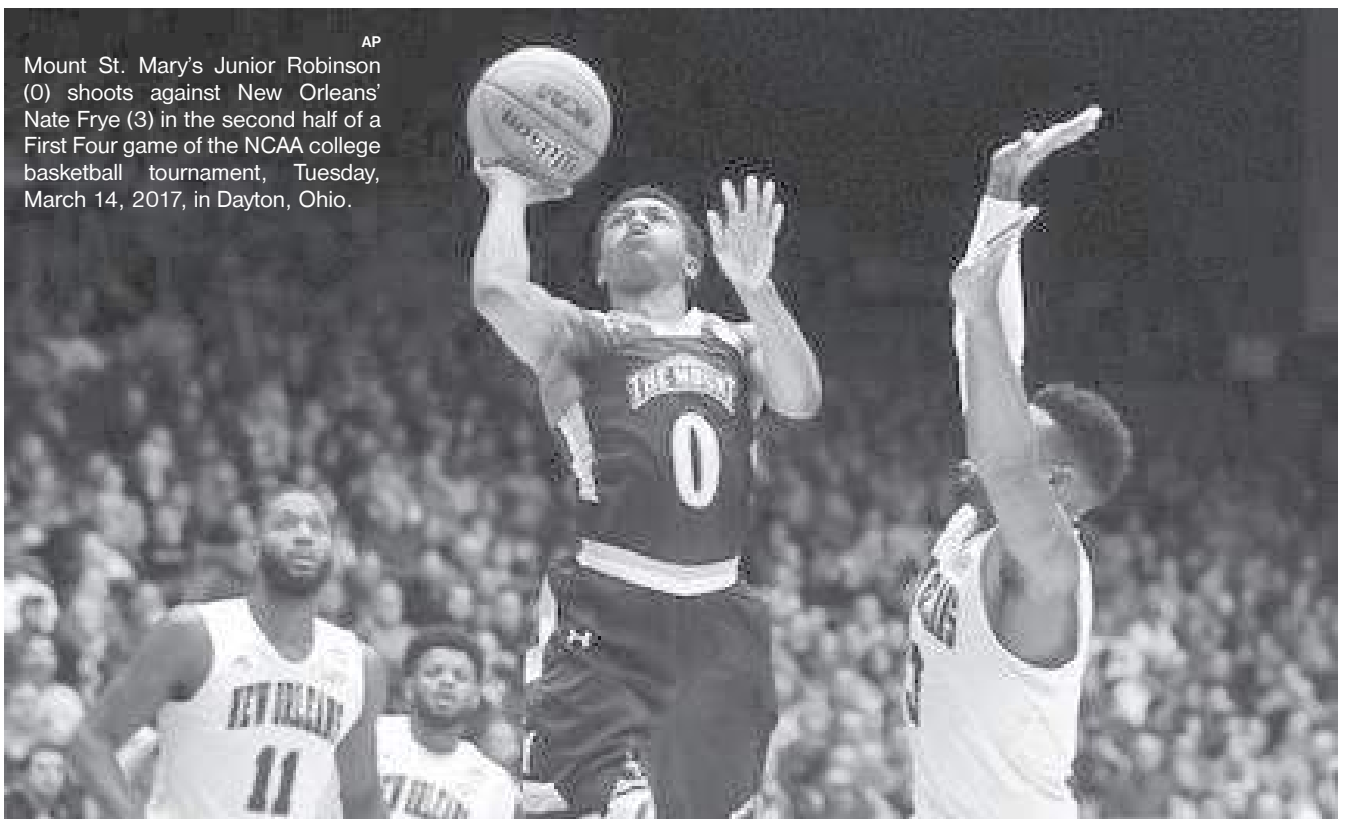
DAYTON, Ohio (AP)—Diminutive point guard Junior Robinson fearlessly dribbled into the heart of New Orleans' defense, pulled up and hit yet another of his oh-so-soft jumpers. This one decided a frenetic opening game for the NCAA Tournament.

The smallest player in Division I scored 23 points Tuesday night, including that go-ahead jumper with 1:27 to play, and Mount St. Mary's held on for a 67-66 victory over New Orleans in the First Four.

Robinson carried the Mountaineers (20-15) to only their second NCAA Tournament win, making jumpers with so much arc they appeared to tease the ceiling.

"The way he plays out there—his speed, his athleticism—it's just so special," coach Jamion Christian said. "When you're a smaller guy, you're naturally going to have a chip on your shoulder and you want to go out there and show the world the things you can do."

The Mountaineers will head to Buffalo to play defending national champion and top overall seed Villanova in the East Regional on Thursday. They had a charter flight waiting after the game.



AP
Mount St. Mary's Junior Robinson (0) shoots against New Orleans' Nate Frye (3) in the second half of a First Four game of the NCAA college basketball tournament, Tuesday, March 14, 2017, in Dayton, Ohio.

"It's a dream come true," guard Elijah Long said. "But this is March Madness, and this is part of the madness."

Mount St. Mary's led most of the way, but New Orleans (20-12) pulled off a comeback befitting its resurgent season. The Privateers had a chance for a final shot, but Erik Thomas' inbound pass with 2.6 seconds left was off target and stolen by the Mountaineers' Chris Wray.

The Privateers' tournament appearance was part of a huge turnaround for the school, which was severely damaged by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. They went 10-20 last season, but won the Southland's regular season and tournament titles for the first time in school history.

Their final comeback came up short.

After trailing by as many as 11 in the first half and nine in the second, they briefly took a 64-63 lead on Christavious Gill's free throws with 1:48 left. Robinson responded with his soft jumper, and the Mountaineers held on.

"We started the engine on the car, and now the car is moving," said Nate Frye, who led New Orleans with 18 points. "We've got to pick up speed and keep building off what we did this year. We established the building blocks of what was broken down from Katrina."

COOL IT

New Orleans forward Travin Thibodeaux and Gill had to be separated by a coach during a timeout with 6:36 left in the game.

Thibodeaux was called for a 3-second violation and complained to Gill as they headed to the bench. They exchanged words, and Gill pushed the forward away. Thibodeaux appeared to wrap his arm around the point guard's neck as they were separated.

Thibodeaux was benched the rest of the way. He finished with 11 points.

"Unfortunately, it will take away a little bit from the experience of the game and how great of an experience this was for us," coach Mark Slessinger said.

BIG PICTURE

Mount St. Mary's: The Mountaineers wear warmup shirts with "Mayhem" on the back, reminding them of their pressure defense. They forced 14 turnovers that set up 19 points.

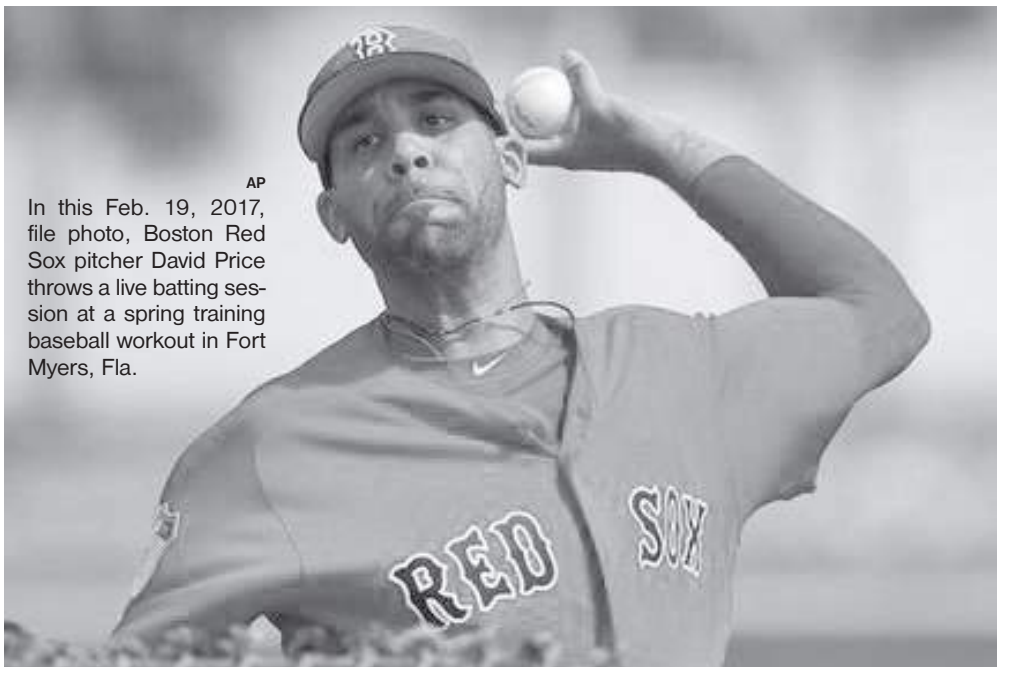
New Orleans: The Privateers' offense was unbalanced. They scored 42 points in the paint, taking care of their advantage on the front line, but were only 1 of 9 from beyond the arc.

Boston ace Price likely to miss opener, Rockies' Murphy out

Boston Red Sox left-hander David Price is likely to start the season on the disabled list because of a sore elbow.

Starting the second season of a $217 million, seven-year contract, Price has not yet appeared in an exhibition game.

"I think at this point, yeah, it would be hard to see him ready to go at the start of the season," manager John Farrell said Tuesday at Boston's camp in Fort Myers, Florida. "We really won't have any kind of idea until he gets on the mound the first time and right now, I don't know when that's going to be."



AP

In this Feb. 19, 2017, file photo, Boston Red Sox pitcher David Price throws a live batting session at a spring training baseball workout in Fort Myers, Fla.

The AL East champions had hoped for a formidable rotation headed by Price, Cy Young Award winner Rick Porcello and Chris Sale, acquired in December from the Chicago White Sox.

Price, the 2012 AL Cy Young Award winner with Tampa Bay, was 17-9 with a 3.99 ERA last year. He felt discomfort in his left elbow following a two-inning simulated game on Feb. 28.

Drs. James Andrews and Neal ElAttrache said Price would not need surgery or an injection but should take anti-inflammatory medication and rest his arm. Price started throwing on Saturday, making 25 tosses into a net, and has thrown each day since.

"Played catch again today as he's been the last three days," Farrell said. "And everyone's going to want to know what's the next step, what's the next phase. I will tell you, this is going to be dependent upon how David goes through the morning rehab, and the exercises that he goes through, what he feels he's capable of that day within reason."

ROCKY ROAD

Colorado starting catcher Tom Murphy will miss four to six weeks with a hairline fracture in his right forearm.

Manager Bud Black said Murphy broke his arm Saturday in a game against the Cubs when he was hit by Anthony Rizzo's bat while throwing to second base on a steal attempt.

Murphy is in a splint but won't need surgery, Black said.

Tim Tebow gets 1st hit for Mets, singles vs Marlins

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. (AP)—Tim Tebow has gotten his first hit for the New York Mets.

The former NFL quarterback singled Monday in an exhibition game against Miami Marlins left-hander Kyle Lobstein.

Tebow was hitless in his first eight at-bats in spring training before his opposite-field single on a 2-2 pitch leading off the bottom of the fifth inning. He was then erased on a double-play grounder.

Playing left field, the former Heisman Trophy winner made a head-first diving catch in the second inning to rob Justin Bour of a hit.

Tebow batted eighth, and his appearance in the lineup was a surprise. On Friday, manager Terry Collins said there were no plans to bring back the 29-year-old Tebow after his second start.

AP

New York Mets left fielder Tim Tebow makes a diving catch on a fly ball by Miami Marlins' Justin Bour in the second inning of a spring training baseball game Monday, March 13, 2017, in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

But the Mets needed players because of the World Baseball Classic and multiple split-squad games and decided to have Tebow join them from their minor league camp.

Saipan Marathon deadline extended for NMI/Guam

The Marianas Visitors Authority has extended the registration deadline of residents of the Northern Marianas and Guam for Saipan Marathon 2017 to March 17, 2017.

Entry forms are available at the MVA office located on Beach Road in San Jose or on the MVA official website Event Calendar at www.mymarianas.com.

So far, over 500runners from Japan, China, Korea, U.S., Hong Kong, Taiwan, the Philippines, and Guam have registered for the race. Registration for U.S. and NMI participants is $65 for the 50K and marathon and $55 for half-marathon and 10K participants.

The fee for high school and junior high school students is $40 (student I.D. required). Registration will include the awards banquet, a finishers t-shirt and medal, and a certificate of completion.

For more information contact Ed Diaz at the MVA at 664-3210 or via email at ediaz@mymarianas.com. ***(PR)***

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going 6-for-6, as he earlier hit a double in the first inning and singles in the second and third. He had a two-RBI single in the second inning where the Little Legals opened a double-digit lead, 16-1, after tallying eight runs in that frame.

While the Little Legals scored one run after another in the first two innings and in the fourth, the hapless Twins hit the board only at the bottom of the second when their catcher Francis Delos Santos reached off a passed ball from Dikito.

Dikito pitched for only two innings, but managed to strike out six batters in his short stint on the mound. Lucio Aldan and Jason Agulto also pitched for the Little Legals and combined for five more strikeouts and stranded four runners to cap the one-sided game.

In the other Major division match last Sunday, the defending champion Comets needed only four innings too, to pound the Ol'Aces. The Comets built a 14-2 lead after the first two innings en route to their fourth win in five games.

The Comets are in second place in the team standings behind the Falcons, who are unbeaten after five matches following a 9-2 triumph over the NSA Braves last Saturday.

The Falcons had a sweep last Saturday as they also won their assignments in the Junior and Senior League divisions. The Falcons edged the Ol'Aces, 4-1, in the Junior League tiff, while they beat the Enforcers, 5-1, in the Senior League match.

SCHORR

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Miyawaki eased her way to the Promised Land. She dominated Riko Ojima in the semis, 8-1, and then hammered Grace Choi in the finals, 8-0. Choi set up a finals showdown against Miyawaki after beating Maria Gregoire, 8-3. Gregoire settled for the third place honors following an 8-3 victory against Ojima.

In other results, Eubin Park and Lamee Lam completed the champions' circle in last weekend's tournament after ruling the boys U12 singles and mini tennis events, respectively.

Lam earned four victories to gain the division title. She first defeated Jenny Kim, 4-0, and then topped Jun Zhang in similar scores to reach the semifinals of the 16-player field. In the semis, Lam edged Ashley Jeon, 4-2, while in the finals, the former outclassed Fanai Staffler, 4-2. Staffler moved into the title game following a 4-2 triumph over Serin Chung. Jeon also prevailed against Chung, 4-2, to finish third in the division.

In the boys U12 singles, the unranked Park completed his upset run in the division after stunning No. 1 seed Anthony Gregoire in the finals, 8-2. Park earlier pulled the rug under third-ranked Jiwoong Kwon, 8-4, and No. 2 seed Jaeyun Jung in the semis, 8-2, to move closer to the championship. Gregoire, on the other hand, made it to the finals after ousting No. 4 Andrew Chung, 8-3. Chung ended up in third place after edging Jung in an extended consolation game, 9-8.

SHIRLEY'S

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in the second half with Deleon Guerrero finding the back of the net in the 61st minute and Falamlimpa five minutes later.

In the Kanoa-Matansa tiff, Paulyn Grace Joyce knocked in five goals to power the division leader to its fourth victory in as many matches.

Joyce also drew enough help from Princess Alcantara and Sharmaine Francisco, who drilled four goals apiece in Kanoa's easy win. Erica Santiago chipped in two goals.

Meanwhile, MP United joined Kanoa and Shirley's in the Top 3 in the team standings of the seven-squad field after beating Paire, 8-1.

Fiona Marielle Bucalig made a hat trick, while her sister Francesca and Wonji Kim recorded two goals apiece for MP United, which now has a 2-1-1 card. Maaya Sato also hit the board for MP United, while Doris Ayuyu averted a Paire shutdown when she scored in the 50th minute.

Paire is behind MP United at fourth place with its 1-0-2 mark. Completing the standings are Matansa (1-0-3), Southern (0-1-2), and idle TanHoldings (0-0-3).

CO-ED U12
Matansa 8, Kanoa-2 2

Matansa finally barged into the win column this season after dropping its first three games.

Alex Megino starred in Matansa's triumph over Kanoa after firing four goals. Jin Wen Xin contributed two goals, while Chanyang Wang added one, and Matansa got an own goal.

Kanoa-2 drew its two goals from Devin Propst and Lester Bata with the former scoring in the 36th minute and the latter in the 19th.

With the victory against Kanoa-2 and its record of 1-0-3, Matansa moved up a bit in the team standings of the five-squad field, occupying the fourth spot. Kanoa-2 is at the cellar with its 0-0-4 slate.

MP United 3, TanHoldings 3

In the other game in the division, MP United forced a draw against TanHoldings.

Garrett Weaver had a pair of goals for MP United, including the equalizer in the second half. All of MP United's goals came in the final 30 minutes of play with Dev Bachani posting the team's first goal.

Anthony John Bergancia also had two goals for TanHoldings and both were earned in the second half, while Ariel Narvaez scored for the squad in the first frame. TanHoldings is in second place in the team standings with its 3-1-1 record, while MP United is ranked third with its 2-2-1 mark. Idle Kanoa-1 leads the division with its 3-1-0 slate.

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NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	42	25	.627	—
Toronto	39	28	.582	3
New York	27	41	.397	15½
Philadelphia	24	43	.358	18
Brooklyn	12	54	.182	29½
Southeast Division				
Washington	41	25	.621	—
Atlanta	37	30	.552	4½
Miami	32	35	.478	9½
Charlotte	29	38	.433	12½
Orlando	24	44	.353	18
Central Division				
Cleveland	44	22	.667	—
Indiana	34	33	.507	10½
Detroit	33	34	.493	11½
Milwaukee	32	34	.485	12
Chicago	32	35	.478	12½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	52	14	.788	—
Houston	46	21	.687	6½
Memphis	37	30	.552	15½
Dallas	28	38	.424	24
New Orleans	27	40	.403	25½
Northwest Division				
Utah	42	25	.627	—
Oklahoma City	38	29	.567	4
Denver	32	35	.478	10
Portland	29	37	.439	12½
Minnesota	28	38	.424	13½
Pacific Division				
x-Golden State	53	14	.791	—
L.A. Clippers	40	27	.597	13
Sacramento	26	41	.388	27
Phoenix	22	45	.328	31
L.A. Lakers	20	47	.299	33

x-clinched playoff spot

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CCPSA Basketball League Boys Middle School Finals

PHOTOS By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Agape Christian School's Mac Guintu unloads a running shot against Mt. Carmel School's Vince Salvador during the first quarter of their boys middle school title game in the 2016-2017 Commonwealth Coalition of Private School Association Basketball League last Monday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Mt. Carmel School supporters cheer for the Knights.

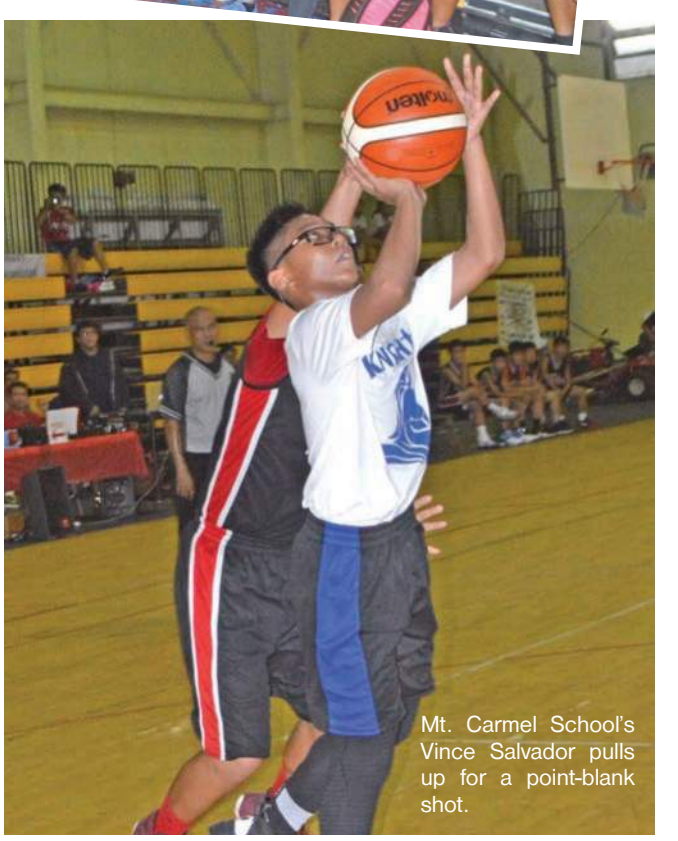
Agape Christian School's Yang Chenxuan, right, pulls up for a jumper against Mt. Carmel School's Mark Kapileo.

Mt. Carmel School's Aldraine Galang blocks Agape Christian School's Feng Tianen.

Agape Christian School students cheer for their team.

Agape Christian School's Cao Yuquing (6) battles Mt. Carmel School's Merric Toves, back, and Aldraine Galang, right, for the rebound.

Mt. Carmel School's Juan Guerrero, right, recovers the ball, while Agape Christian School's Yang Chenxuan, left, keeps a close eye on him.



Mt. Carmel School's Vince Salvador pulls up for a point-blank shot.

Warriors hold off Sixers to snap three-game skid

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Schorr, Miyawaki deliver

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Robbie Schorr, seen here serving during a local tournament last year, won the boys U18 singles crown in the 2017 NMITA Junior Fun Tennis Tournament held over the weekend at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan and Kanoa Resort courts.

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Top-ranked Robbie Schorr and Malika Miyawaki lived up to their lofty billing after winning the boys and girls U18 singles titles in the 2017 NMITA Junior Fun Tennis Tournament held over the weekend at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan and Kanoa Resort courts.

The No. 1 seed Schorr clinched the division crown following an 8-1 triumph over No. 4 Vincent Tudela in last Sunday's pro-set finals. Schorr gave up no more than two points to his opponents in the shortened tournament en route to ruling the division. In his first game against Colin Ramsey at the upper half of the draw, Schorr won by 6, 8-2. Ramsey earned the right to face Schorr after eliminating Steven Goodwin, 8-5.

Next up for Schorr was his perennial rival Ken Song and the former eased past the latter, 8-2, to set up a finals duel against Tudela. Song earlier downed Ken Xue, 8-1, to arrange a semis showdown against Schorr at the top half of the bracket.

At the lower half, Tudela marched into the semifinals following an 8-2 victory over Tony Kim, who defeated Sean Lee, 8-3, before faltering in his Final Four bid. Tudela was then paired against Michael Ren and the former got a free pass to the finals after winning via walkover in the semis. Ren, before failing to play in the semis match, knocked out Luther Lizama to barge into the Final Four. Lizama earlier won his first game after shutting down Andy Cho.

In the girls U18 singles,

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Little Legals, Comets blow out foes

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A Comets player gets ready to run from third base, while an Ol'Aces player watches the pitcher's throw during the top of the second inning of their Major division game in the 2017 Saipan Little League Baseball last Sunday at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.

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The Little Legals and Comets earned lopsided victories in the Major division of the 2017 Saipan Little League Baseball last Sunday at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.

The Comets eased past the Docomo Ol'Aces in the second game, 19-4, while the Little Legals crushed the Twins, 36-1, in the curtain-raiser last weekend.

The Little Legals took only four innings to post the early victory via 10-run mercy rule, going for the kill at the top of fourth after collecting 18 runs. Shortstop Delbert Sablan and starting pitching Kaipo Dikito teamed up in the Little Legals' juggernaut in the fourth inning after combining for nine RBIs. Sablan went 3-for-3 at bat in that inning alone and scored three runs and five RBIs. Dikito was 2-for-3 at bat and made three runs and four RBIs.

Eight of the Little Legals' top of the order reached home plate in their first at bat and eight too in their second, while Dikito and Sablan gave the team their last two runs after having their third straight trip at the plate.

Sablan ended up with a perfect performance at the plate,

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Shirley's, Kanoa still unbeaten

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Kanoa Football Club and Shirley's FC kept their perfect records in the girls U15 division of the 2017 NMIFA Youth Spring League after prevailing in their respective games last Saturday at the Francisco Mendiola Sablan Middle School Field.

Kanoa played in the first match last weekend and shut down Matansa, 15-0, while Shirley's topped Southern United FC in the final game, 6-2.

Jerlyn Castillo towed Shirley's to its third win in as many games after scoring four goals. She made back-to-back goals in a span of eight minutes in the first half, putting Shirley's on the board in the third minute and then getting her second goal in the 11th. She also closed out for the defending champion, posting her third goal in the 56th minute and fourth and last in the 68th.

Lillian Podziewski and Sharmaine Olivos registered the two other goals for Shirley's with the former lighting up the board in the 28th minute and the latter in the 49th. Southern United, which is still winless in its debut season in the division, got its two goals from Keisha Deleon Guerrero and Mariel Joy Falamlimpa. Both of Southern's goals came

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A Shirley's Football Club player prepares to kick the ball in front of a Southern United FC defender during the first half of their girls U15 division in the NMIFA youth league last Saturday at the Francisco Mendiola Sablan Middle School Field.

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